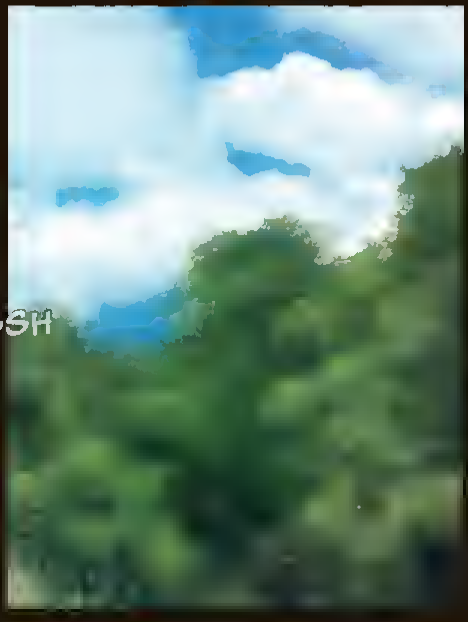

PSSSSH

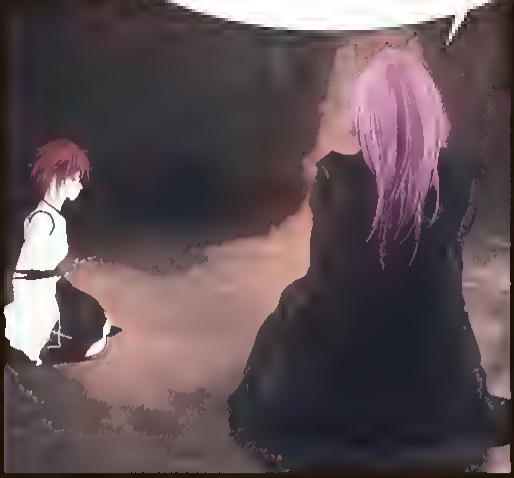
RATTLE

WELL, WE HAVE A LONG NIGHT AHEAD OF US.

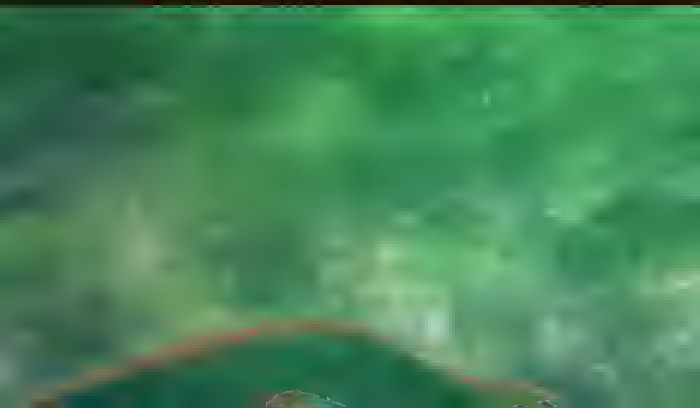
AND YOU KIND OF REMIND ME OF MYSELF.

SOMETIMES, YOU GET SO CAUGHT UP IN THE GREAT COURSE OF THINGS THAT YOU SIMPLY CAN'T BE YOURSELF ANYMORE.

ETHERMASK IS A DANGEROUS MAN. THE MORE YOU TRUST HIM, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT YOU'LL LOSE YOURSELF. THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE. YOUR FAITH...



YOU MAY REGRET...



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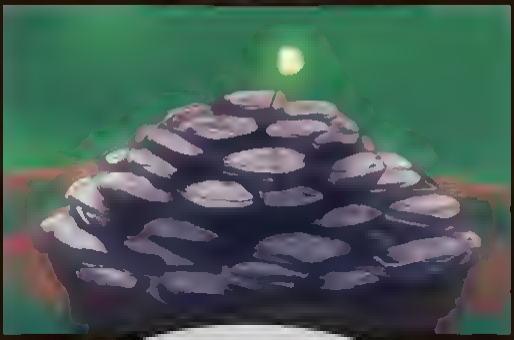
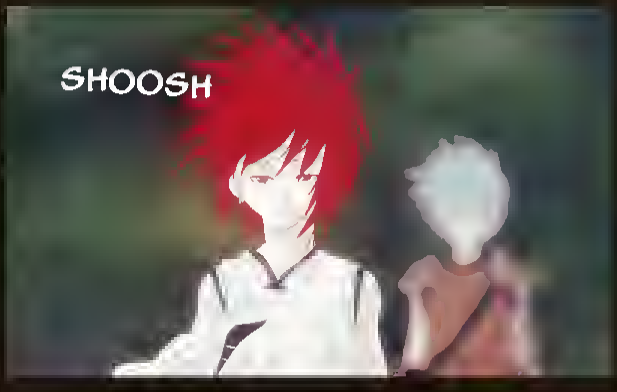
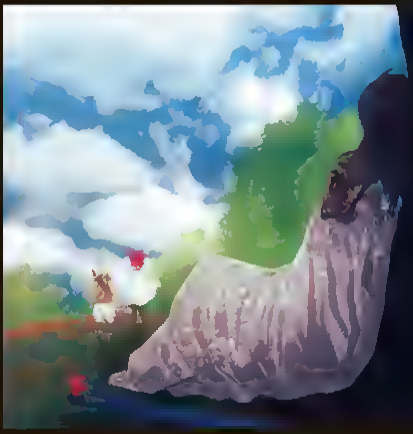
REST IN PEACE, EDIYA.



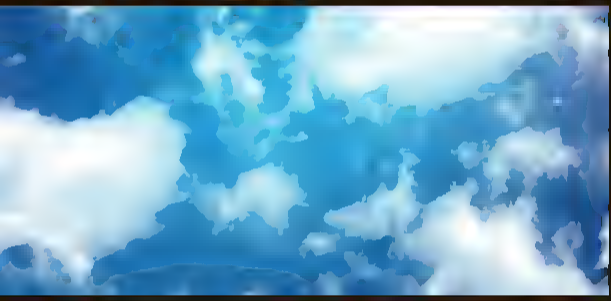
I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO WAR IN YOUR NEXT LIFE.

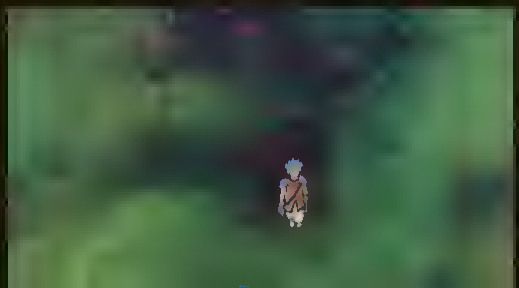

SHOOSH

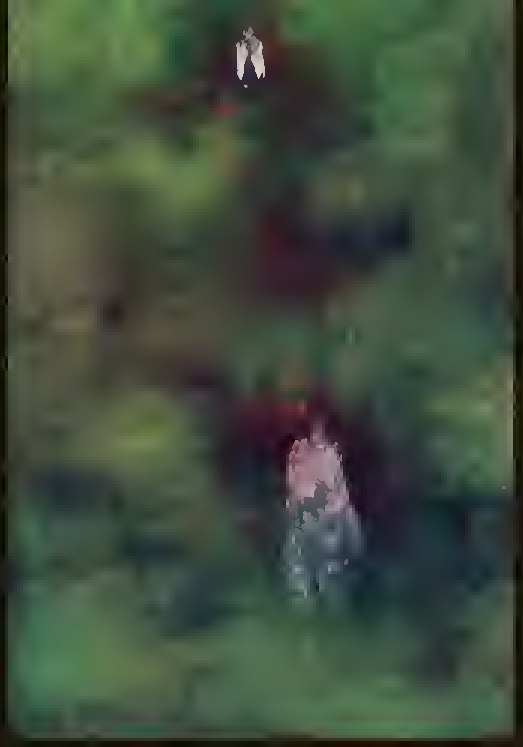
I PROMISE I'LL ALWAYS BE MYSELF.



RUSTLE







TRAMP
TRAMP
HER NAME WAS EDIYA. PLEASE REMEMBER HER NAME.
HALT

SSH
SHE HAD NO ONE IN HER LIFE WHO'D REMEMBER HER NOW THAT SHE'S GONE. SO YOU'VE GOT TO BE THE ONE TO REMEMBER HER. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

IF I EVER GET
UP BY HIM
THAT I
BEING MYSELF,
.....

TURN
I WILL REMEMBER.
TRAMP
TRAMP..
TRAMP...

I'LL MAKE SURE THAT I'LL CHANGE HIM BEFORE HE TURN ME INTO SOMEONE ELSE.

TRAMP

TRAMP

IREMY~♥
OH, YOU'RE FINE~

BAM

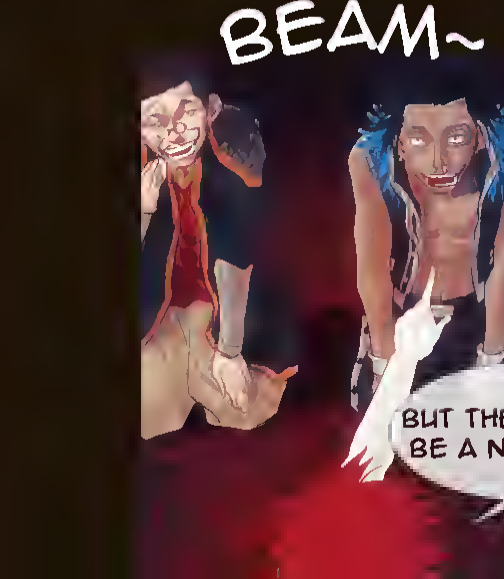
WHAM

SULK~

PLEASE FORGIVE US, IREMY...

WE WERE BAD, REALLY BAD.
HMPH!
I'M SO SORRY, SIS- I MUST HAVE BEEN OUT OF MY MIND THE OTHER NIGHT.
PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR ONCE...
WELL, ALRIGHT.

GIGGLE
MY BIG HEART WILL JUST HAVE TO FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME.


BEAM~
BUT THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME.

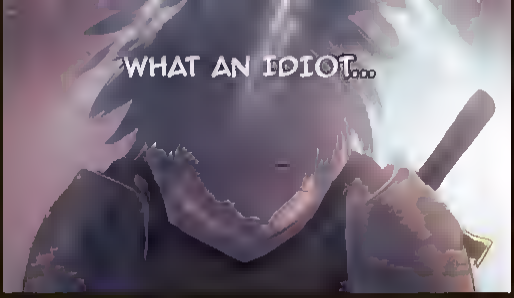
ESPECIALLY YOU!
SWOOP
IF YOU DO THAT EVER AGAIN...
I WAS SO WORRIED— I COULDN'T EVEN SLEEP. I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE BACK!

EMBRACE
OOP!!
I'M SO RELIEVED.
SNIFFLE
SWEAT
RUB
RUB

WHY IS ENZ FEELING SO DOWN?

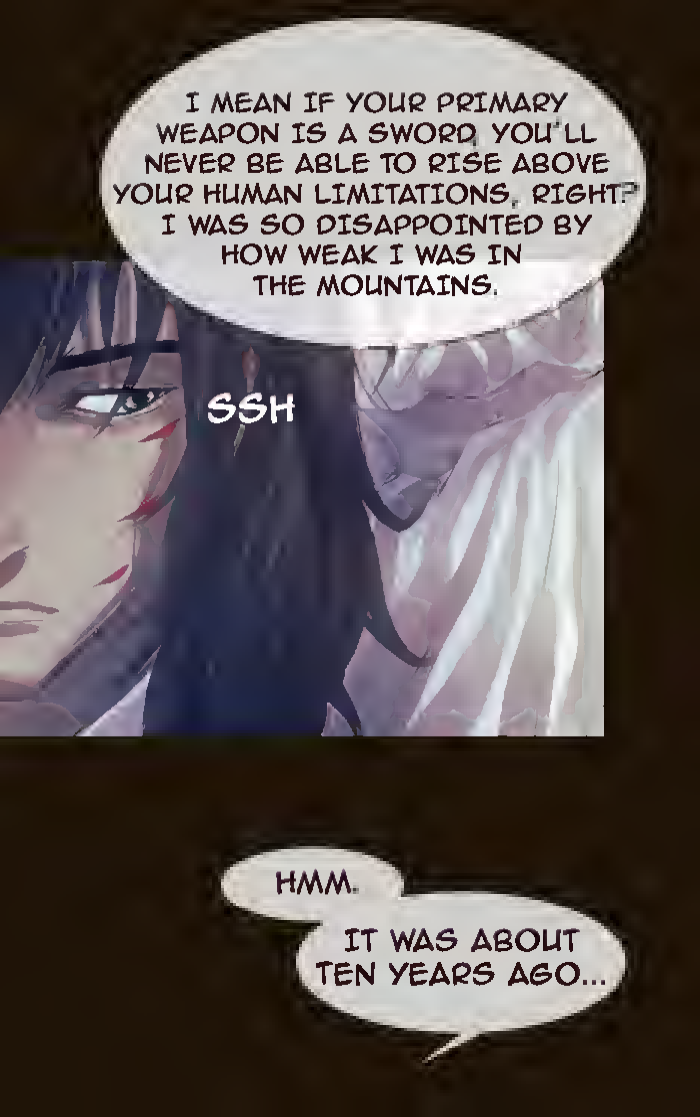
I SAID EASY!?
HUH? OH...

HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE WE STARTED MAKING OUR WAY BACK.
OH, WELL...


WHAT AN IDIOT...

SIGH

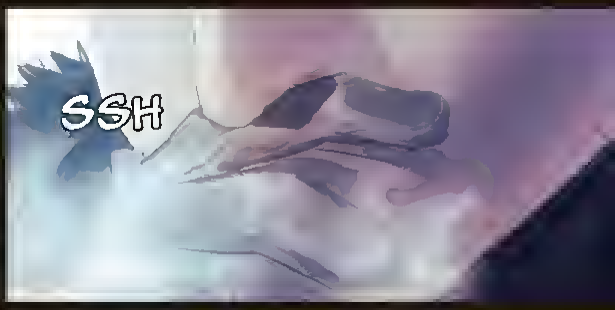
ETHERMASK.
IS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT A TRAINED MAGICIAN IF ALL YOU'VE GOT IS STRENGTH?


I MEAN IF YOUR PRIMARY WEAPON IS A SWORD, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RISE ABOVE YOUR HUMAN LIMITATIONS, RIGHT? I WAS SO DISAPPOINTED BY HOW WEAK I WAS IN THE MOUNTAINS.
SSH
HMM.
IT WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO...

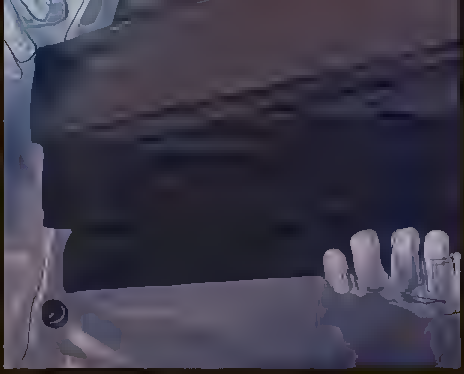
CREAK
SSH
THAT I HEARD THE SAME STORY.

THAT KID WAS ALSO AFRAID THAT HE COULDN'T RISE BEYOND HIS SWORD.

WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO HIM?
WHAT HAPPENED?
ACHOO!

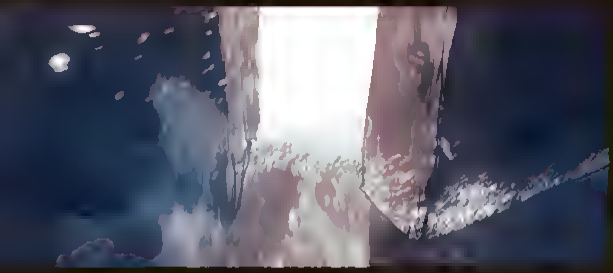

SSH

IS SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT ME?
SNIFF



I SHOULD GET DINNER READY.

HE'S BECOME A KIND OF MONSTER THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED



YOU, TOO, WILL SOON BE ABLE TO OVERCOME YOUR OWN LIMITATIONS.

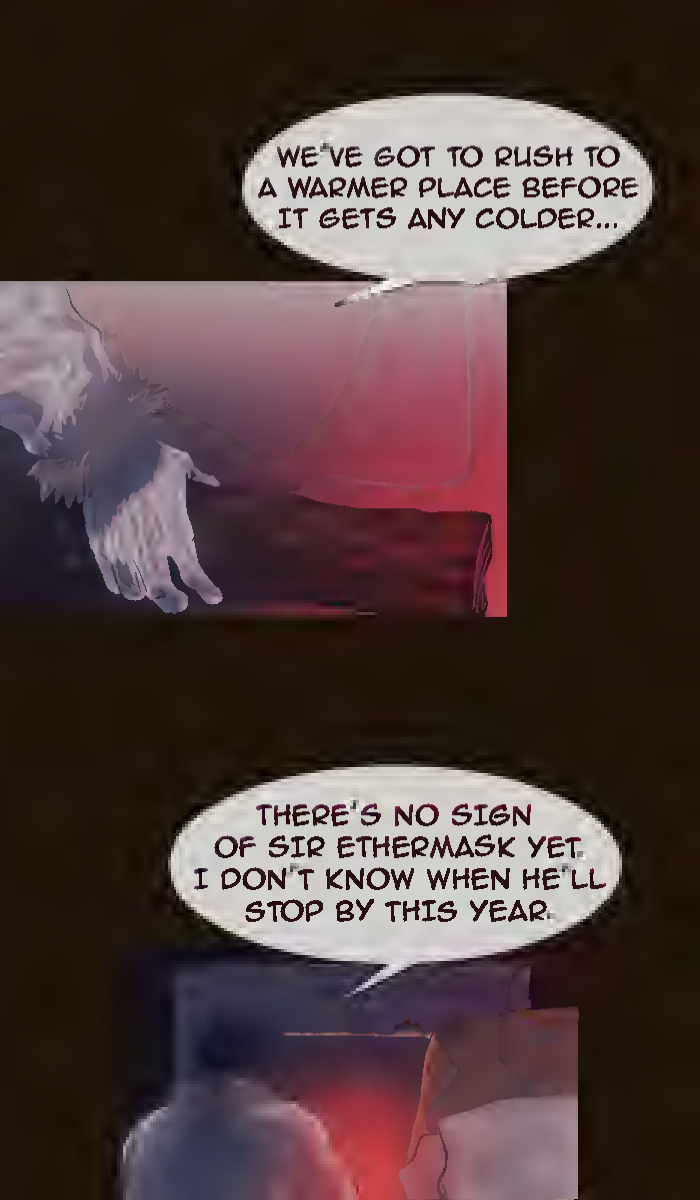
CREAK

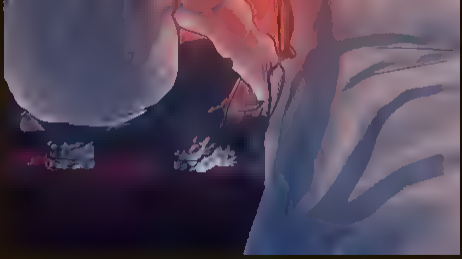
CREAK

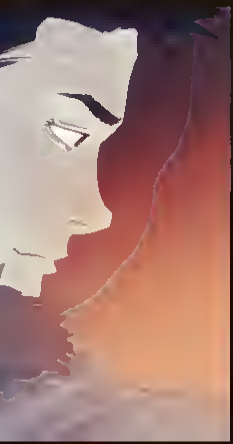
CREAK

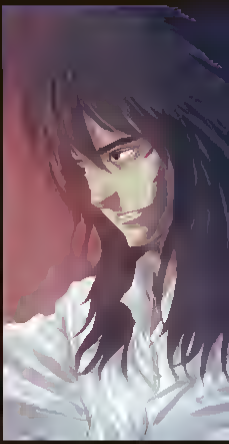
WHEW~
IT'S FREEZING~
TODAY IS COLDER THAN I'D EXPECTED.

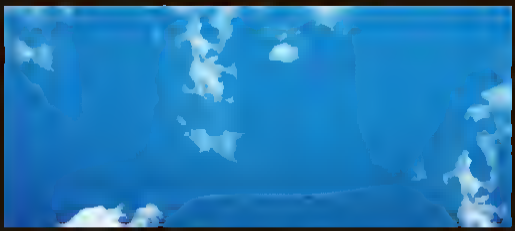
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FIREWOOD.


WE'VE GOT TO RUSH TO A WARMER PLACE BEFORE IT GETS ANY COLDER...
THERE'S NO SIGN OF SIR ETHERMASK YET. I DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL STOP BY THIS YEAR.









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HUFF

HUFF

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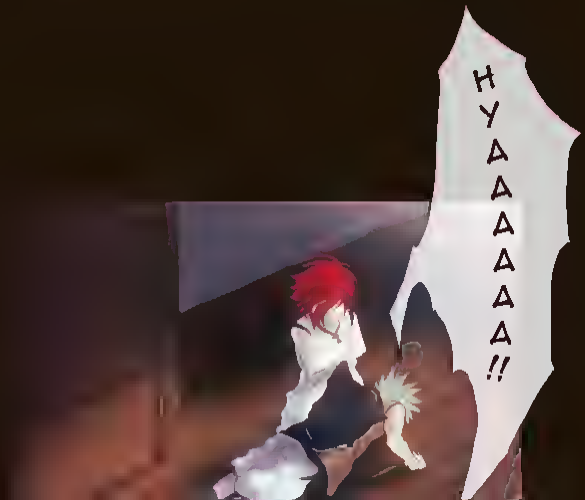
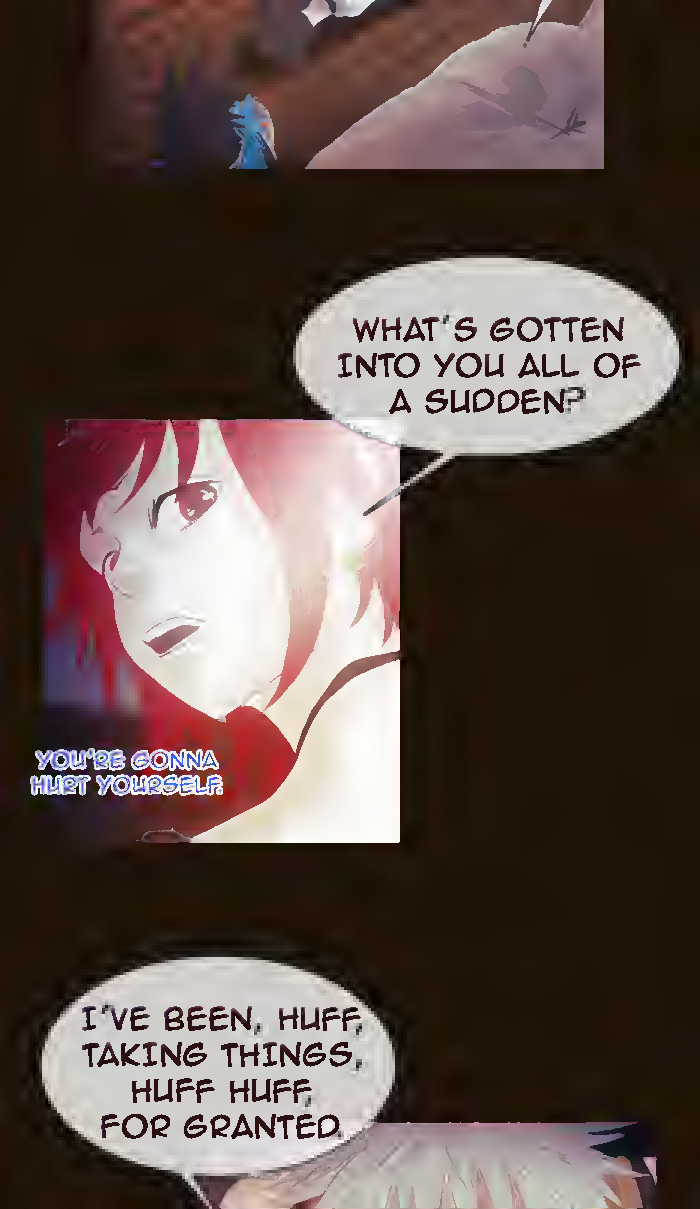
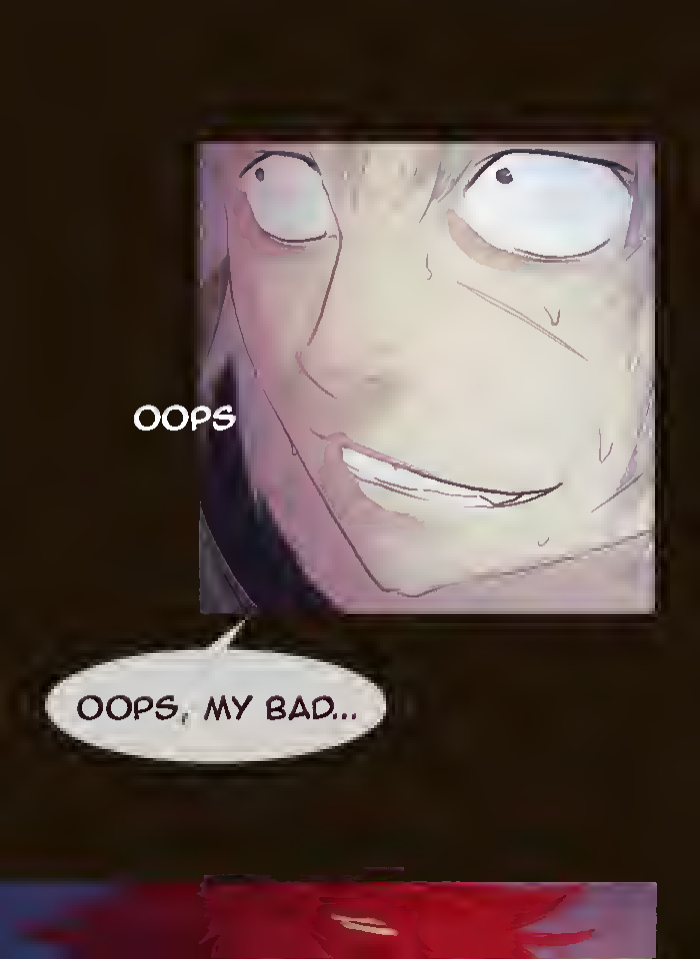
HUFF


HYAAAAAA!!


WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF.
I'VE BEEN, HUFF, TAKING THINGS, HUFF HUFF, FOR GRANTED.

GNASH
I SHOULD HAVE TRIED HARDER. HARDER THAN ANYBODY ELSE.
BY THE WAY, IREMY, HAVE YOU GAINED WEIGHT?
YOU'RE HEAVY.


OOPS
OOPS, MY BAD...

I... IREMY?

YOU WANT TO EXERCISE? GREAT! WHY DON'T YOU RUN???
BAM
CLIP-CLOP
CLIP-CLOP

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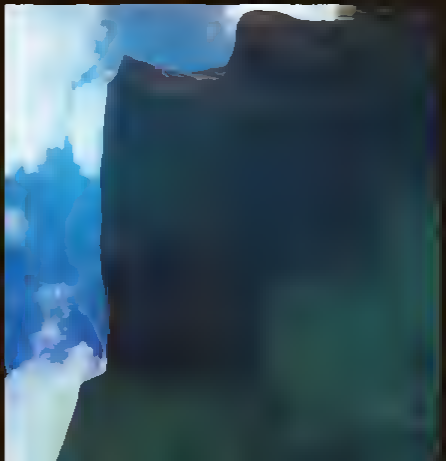
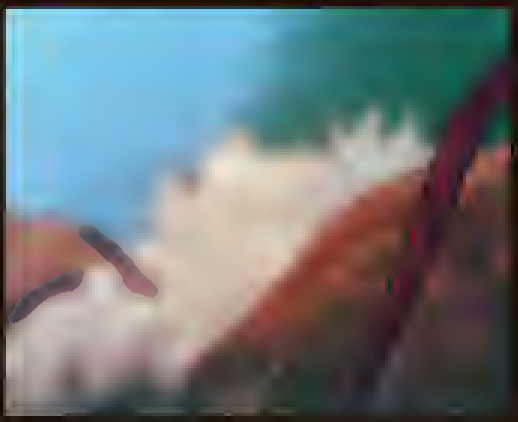


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

FLOP

PANT
PANT
PANT
TAP



HOW WAS THAT FOR A WORKOUT?
GIGGLE

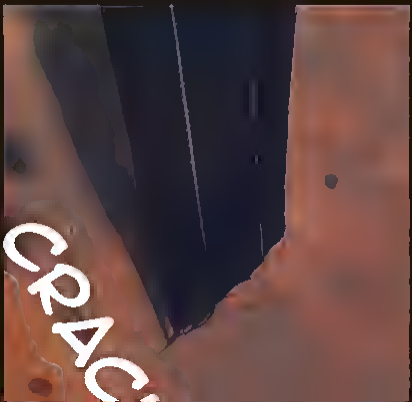
YOU KNOW THAT WASN'T A NICE THING TO SAY TO A LADY.
WE'RE TAKING A BREAK HERE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

SO GET SOME REST.
GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP
AND THEN, YOU CAN RUN AGAIN!
S

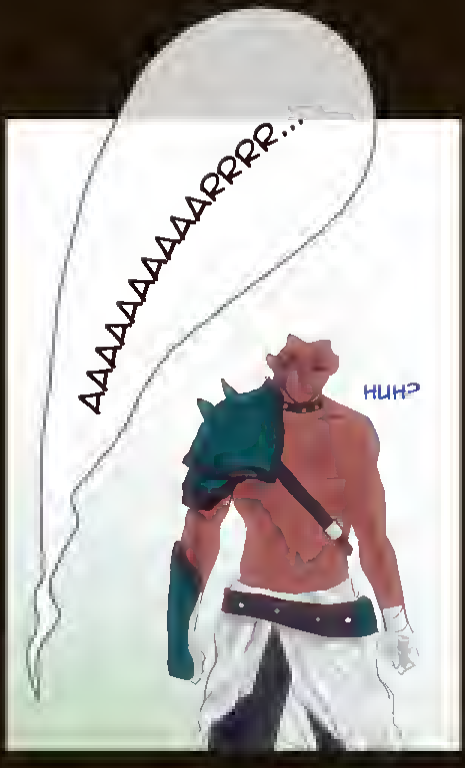
POUT
HEY! IREMY!!
HOHOHOHOHOHO
HOHOHOHO. A WOMAN CAN BE MERCILESS, YOU KNOW.

DO YOU NEED MY HELP?

SSH


CRAC

IS THAT HIM?
HMM...


AAAAAAAAAARRRR...
HUH?

HEY! DON'T THROW ME AROUND LIKE THAT! YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT TO YOUR OWN BODY, WOULD YOU?
WHATEVER. YOU'RE A SWORD. STOP BEING SO DEMANDING!

DON'T YOU WHATEVER ME! WATCH YOUR MOUTH, KID! DIDN'T I TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW OLD I WAS? YOU'RE A DISRESPECTFUL PIECE OF CRAP!

HERE WE GO AGAIN...

SHUT UP AND JUST CHECK HIS FACE!
SWIRL
CRACK

AAAAH!!

YOU!!

FINE. I'LL TAKE A LOOK. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS LATER.

THOSE MARKS AND THE FACE! I'M CERTAIN THAT'S ETHERMASK!!

OH-
SO THE INFORMATION WAS CORRECT. I THOUGHT IT WAS HALF BOGUS.
I GOT YOU LIKE THIS.

I WAS SKEPTICAL, TOO. BUT IT SEEMS HE REALLY HAS THE IMMORTALITY SPELL.
HE HASN'T AGED A BIT IN A 100 YEARS.
YOU KNOW WHAT? ARE YOU SURE THAT'S THE MAN WHO CONTROLLED THE FATE OF A NATION?

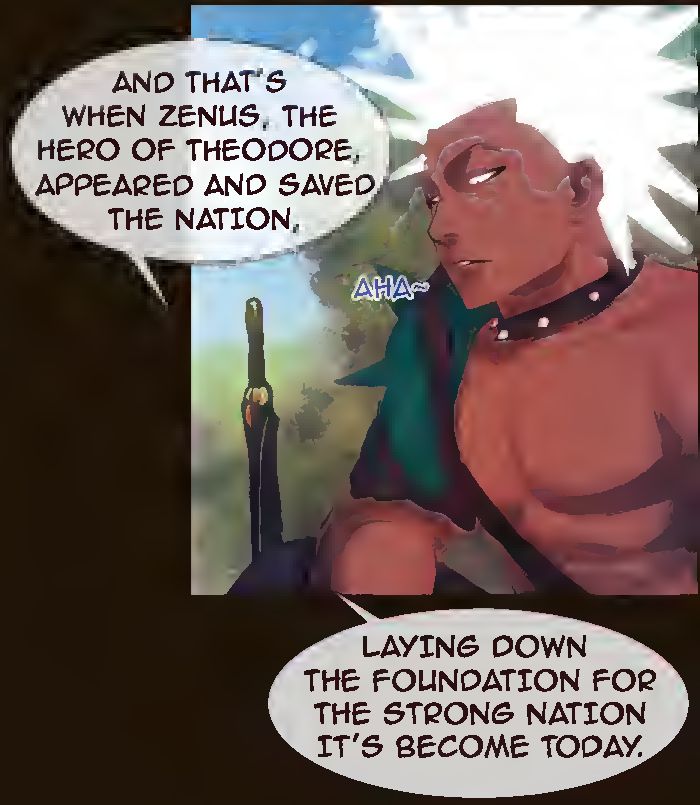
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE COULD HAVE DONE IT SINGLE-HANDEDLY...

D, YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

MAGIC RULES THE CONTINENT OF KANTERA, WHICH MEANS THAT WHICHEVER NATION HAS MORE MAGICAL POWER IS THE STRONGEST OF THEM ALL.

TROOPS HAD MAGICAL POWER IN THOSE DAYS.

ETHERMASK CAME AND STARTED WIPING OUT MAGICIANS AND THAT DROVE THEODORE INTO A CRISIS.

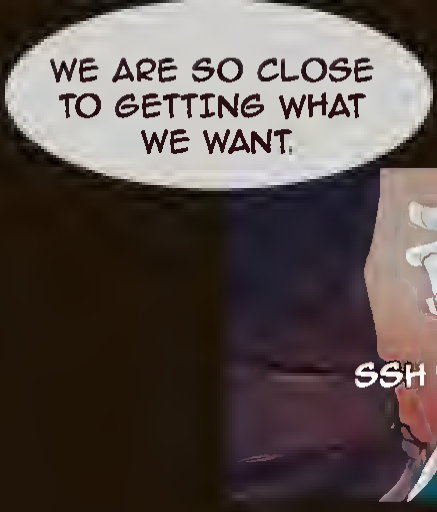

AND THAT'S WHEN ZENUS, THE HERO OF THEODORE, APPEARED AND SAVED THE NATION,
AHA~
LAYING DOWN THE FOUNDATION FOR THE STRONG NATION IT'S BECOME TODAY.

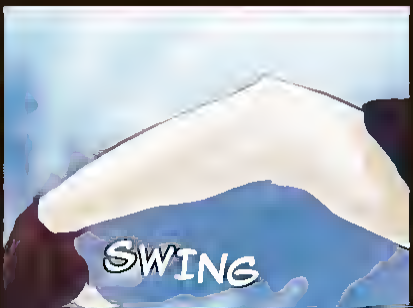
WELL, THE RUMOR IS THAT ZENUS ALSO HOLDS THE IMMORTALITY SPELL AND STILL CONTROLS THE FATE OF THE NATION BUT WE CAN'T JUST BARGE IN TO SEE FOR OURSELVES.
ANYWAY, ETHERMASK ONCE SHOOK UP THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE HIM.

IT'S ME THAT YOU'RE TALKING TO!
EXACTLY. I'M WORRIED BECAUSE IT'S YOU!

IS THAT HIM?

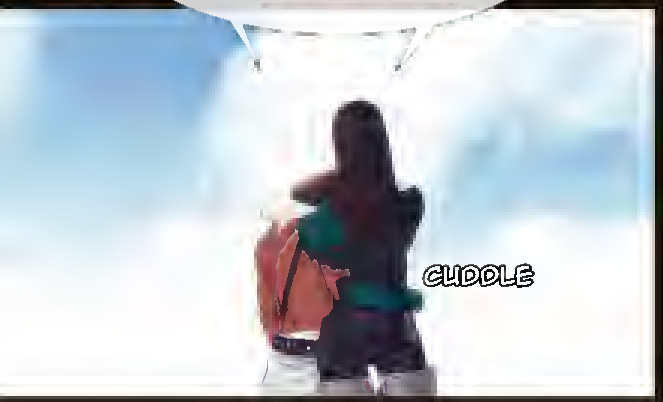
MADREN.
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG FOR A NUMBER TWO?
SHUT UP!


WE ARE SO CLOSE TO GETTING WHAT WE WANT.
SSH


SWING

IT COST US 5 YEARS BUT IT'S OKAY.

FOR OUR ETERNAL...



LOVE.

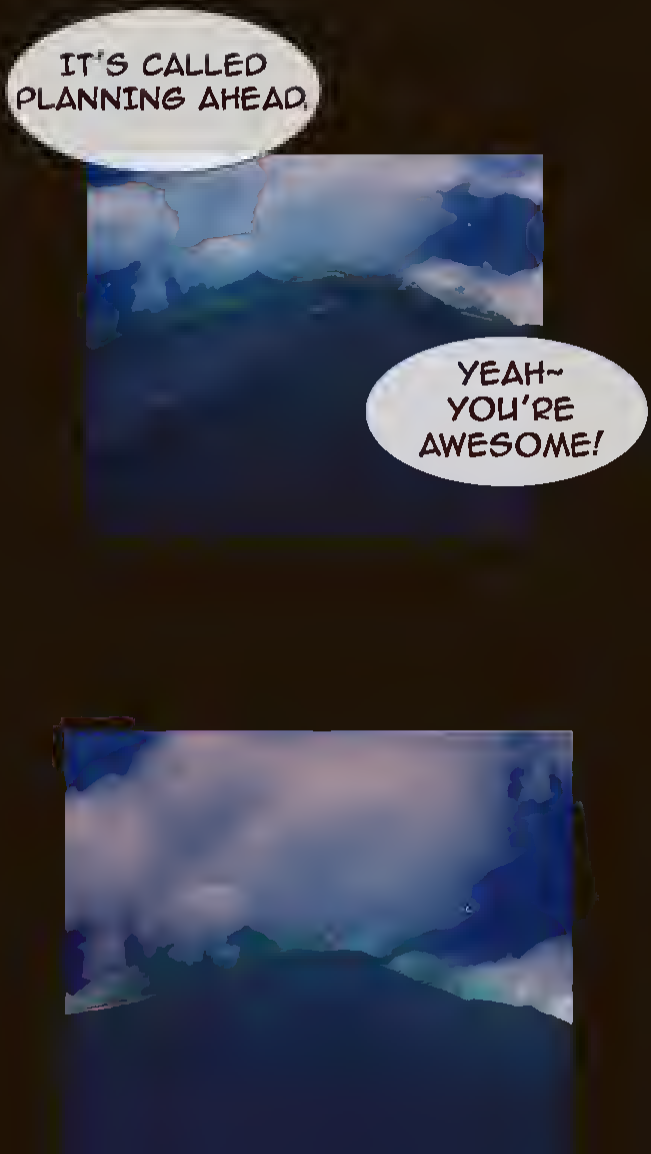
MUAH

MUAH

HEY, EASY THERE!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
HEY!! DON'T JUST LEAVE ME HERE!

I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO CAMP OUT AGAIN. THIS IS NICE.


IT'S CALLED PLANNING AHEAD.
YEAH~ YOU'RE AWESOME!

FLAP

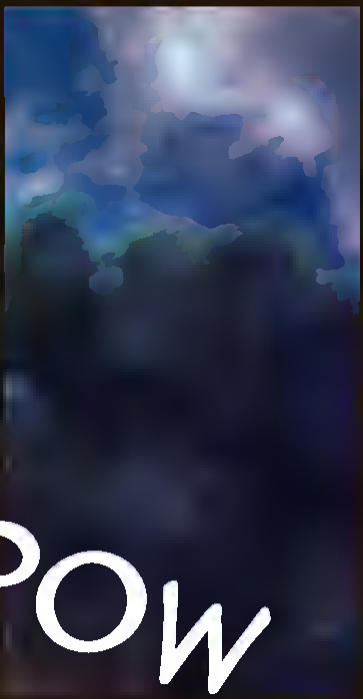
YOU CAN'T
GET AWAY FROM ME,
ETHERMASK.

GIGGLE

SSH
WINCE

WHEN DID YOU!
PHAT

!?


POW

FLOP

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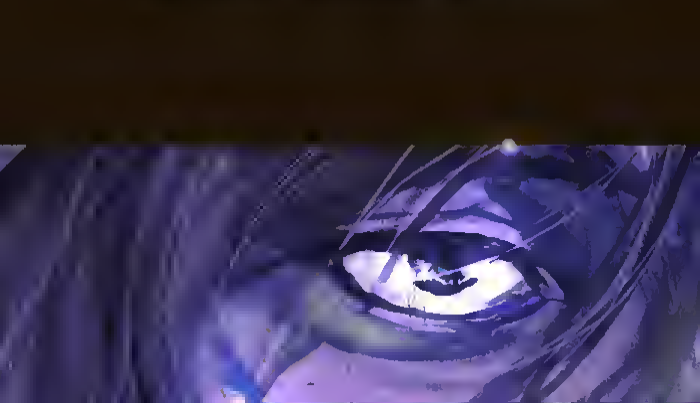

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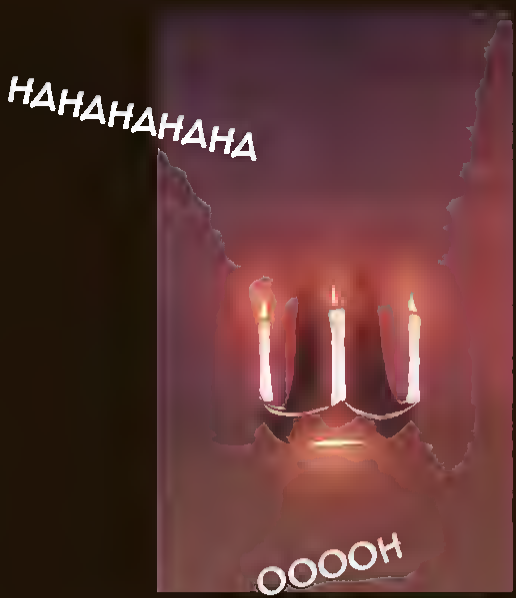
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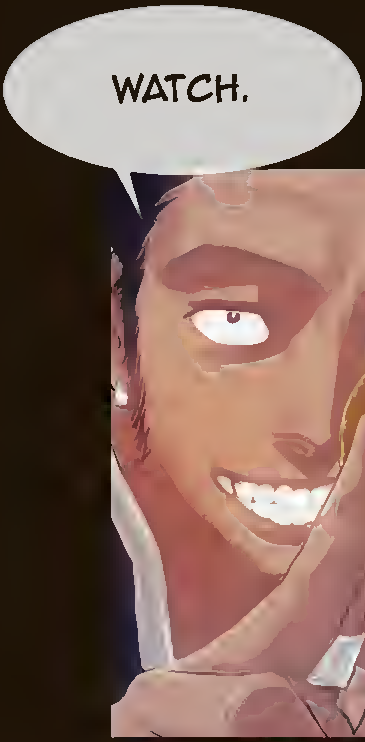
OOOOH


WATCH.

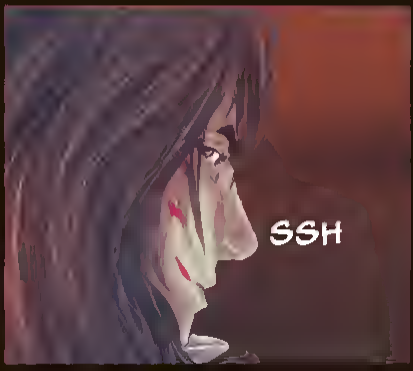
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LOOK?
UM...
TA-DA!
PFFT

A
W
W
IT'S GONE!
W
W
E

PHAT
TA-DA!
WOW! IT APPEARED ON THE OTHER SIDE!
YOU HAVE NIMBLE FINGERS, LIKE A TRUE PICKPOCKET!
SSH

SLAM

THUMP


SSH

UH?

WHO'S THAT?
PEEK

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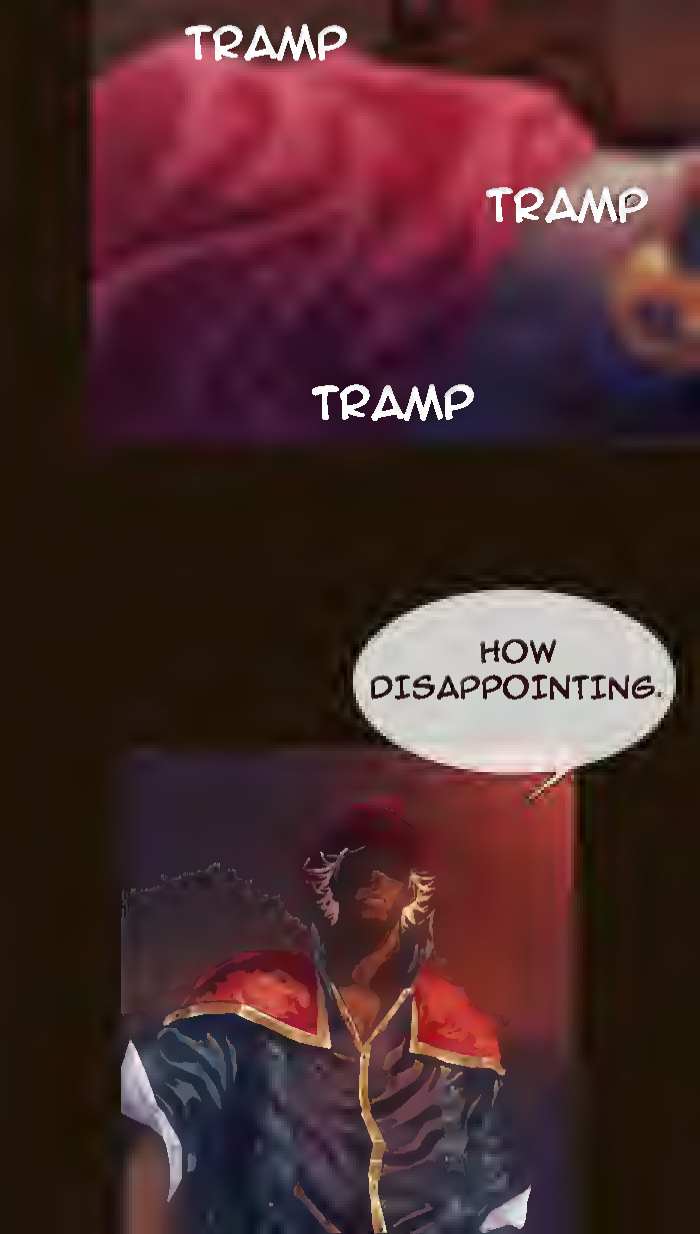
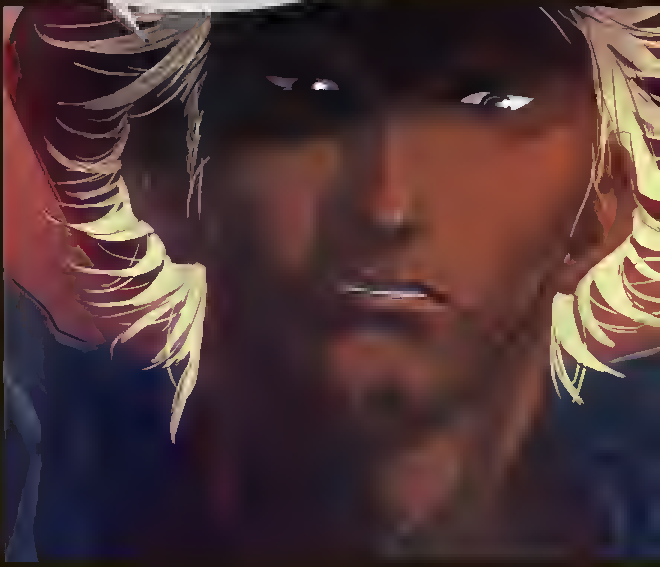
WELL, WELL.


TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP
HOW DISAPPOINTING.


YOU FAILED TO NOTICE THAT YOU'VE HAD A TAIL ON YOU.

AND WHAT ARE THOSE?
RATTLE
ARE YOU ON A VACATION?

ETHERMASK.

EEEK!
PAH!

CLENCH

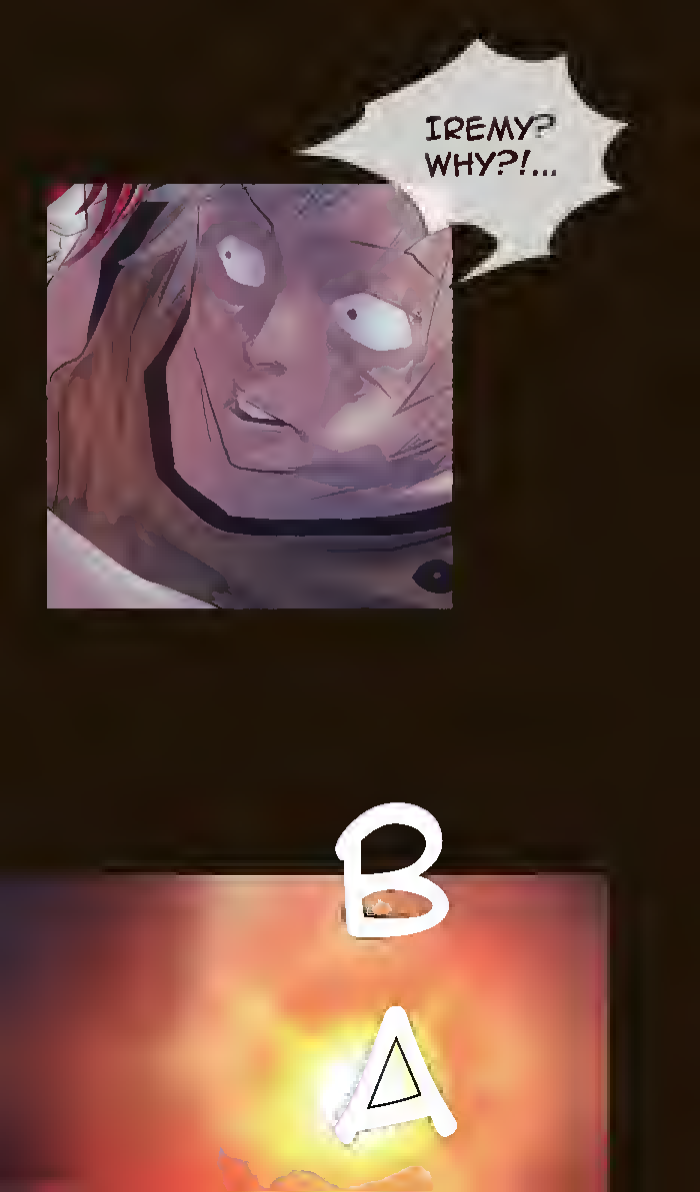
TODAY,
I'M ONLY HERE
TO TALK.

DO YOU MIND IF I SIT?
TURN

SSH

TA

I'LL KILL YOU!!
PHAT


IREMY?
WHY?!...
B
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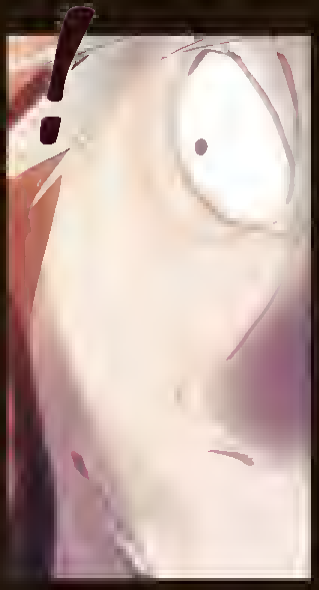
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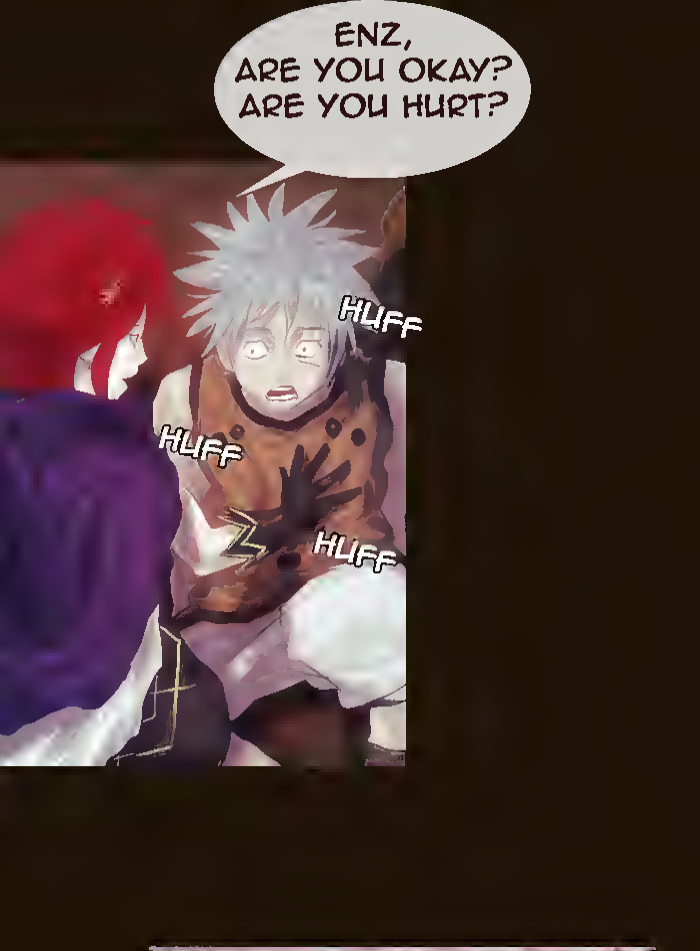
THUD

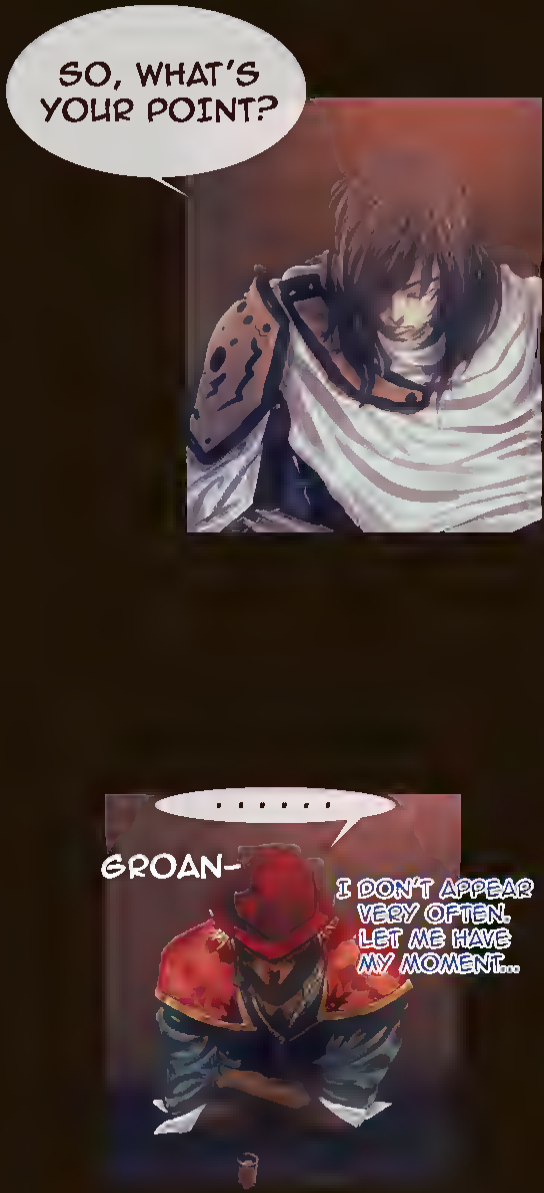

ENZ,
ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU HURT?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

DAMN
.....
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF TALKING. STAY OUT OF IT.

HERE'S
THE DEAL.
. . . . . .

THE KING OF THEODORE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP.
IN FACT, WE DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE NOT AFTER YOU.

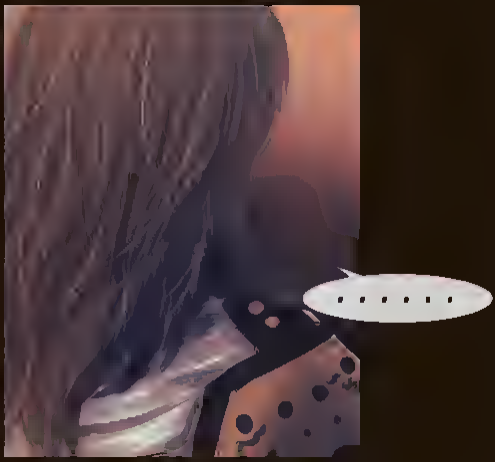
ZENUS IS THE ONE WHO'S DETERMINED TO GET YOU. HE'S REALLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CARES.


SO, WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
. . . . . .
GROAN-
I DON'T APPEAR VERY OFTEN. LET ME HAVE MY MOMENT...

EDWIN IS THE KING OF THEODORE BUT HE'S NOT THE ONE IN POWER.

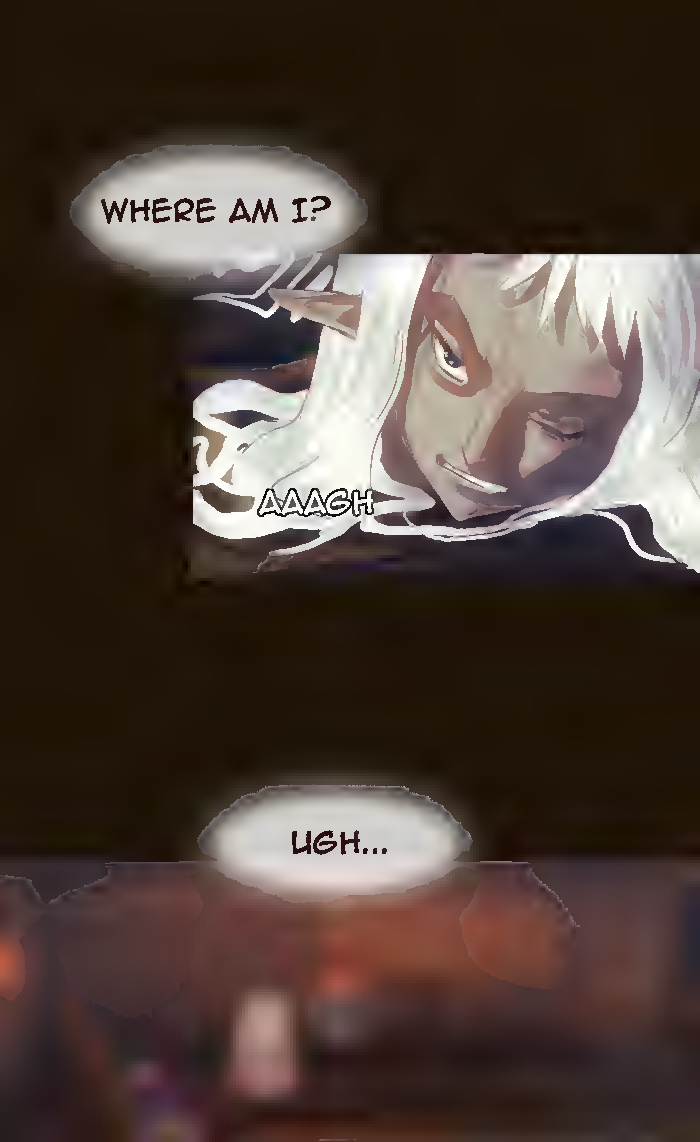
ZENUS IS THE REAL RULER. BUT A NATION NEEDS ONE LEADER, NOT TWO.

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT YOU TO HELP ELIMINATE ZENUS.
SSH
I'VE RISKED MUCH DANGER JUST TO GET HERE.



AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW THIS. THIS IS INTERESTING.

ZENUS IS...


WHERE AM I?
AAAGH
UGH...

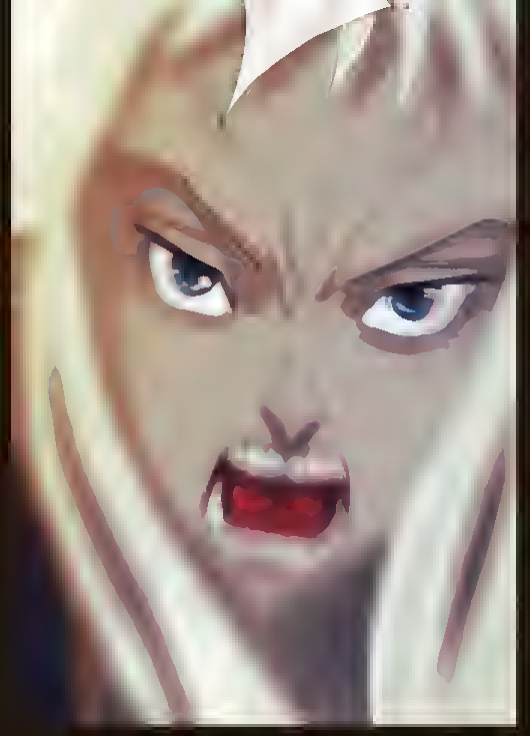
YOU?!

OH, YOU'RE UP.
SSH

ETHAN!!
PHAT

WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE SABOTAGING THE PLAN!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
HUMPH
EYE!



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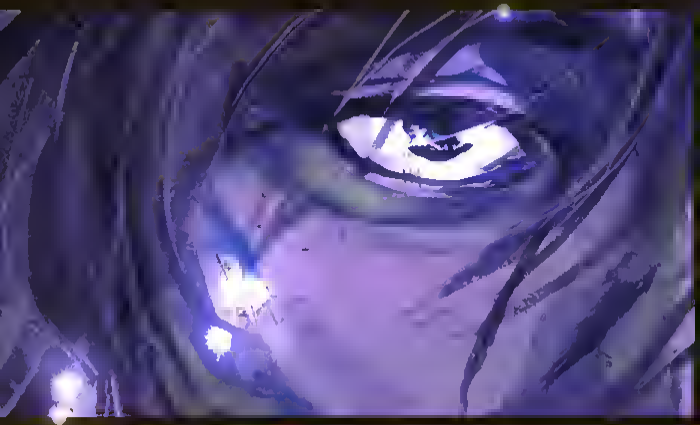
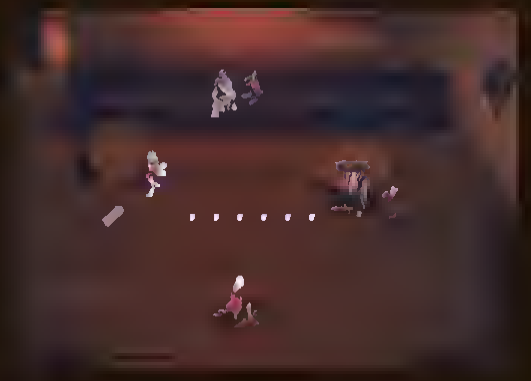


LINE Webtoon

EYE!!!

EYE??
UH?

MAGICIAN



HUH?
SWISH

EYE!
K
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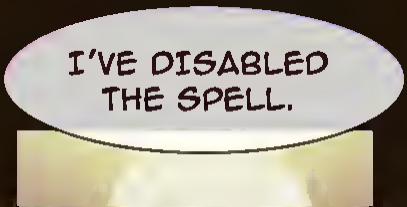
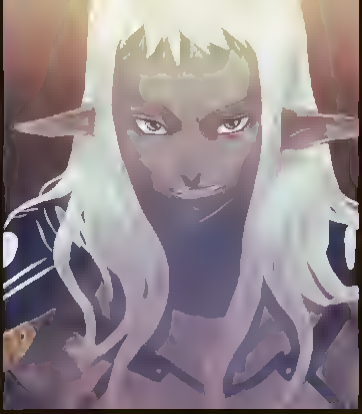
EYE!
EYE!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUFF
HUFF

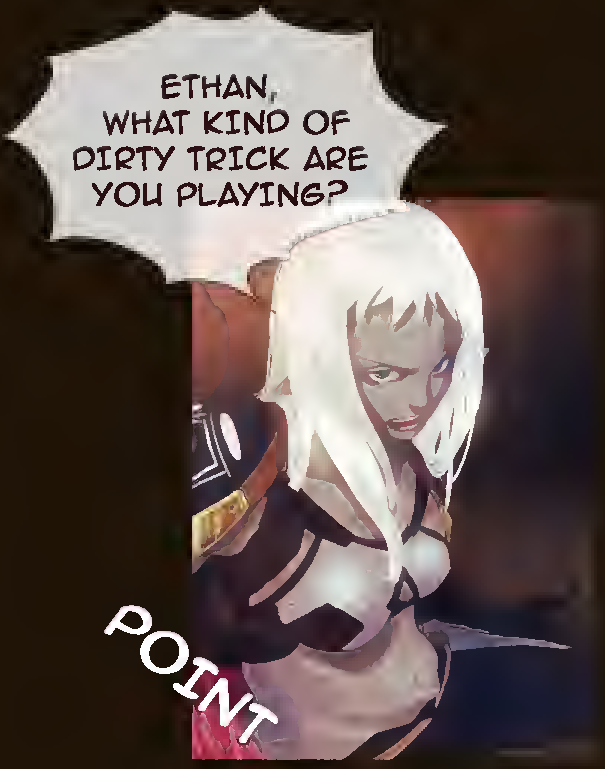
IT'S NOT GONNA WORK.


I'VE DISABLED THE SPELL.



THE EYE WILL ONLY BRING TROUBLE.
SMIRK

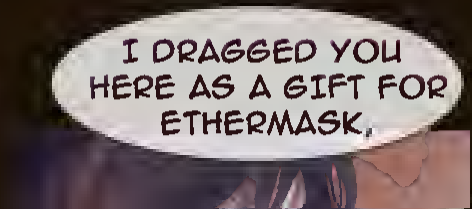
WHAT?
GINA?

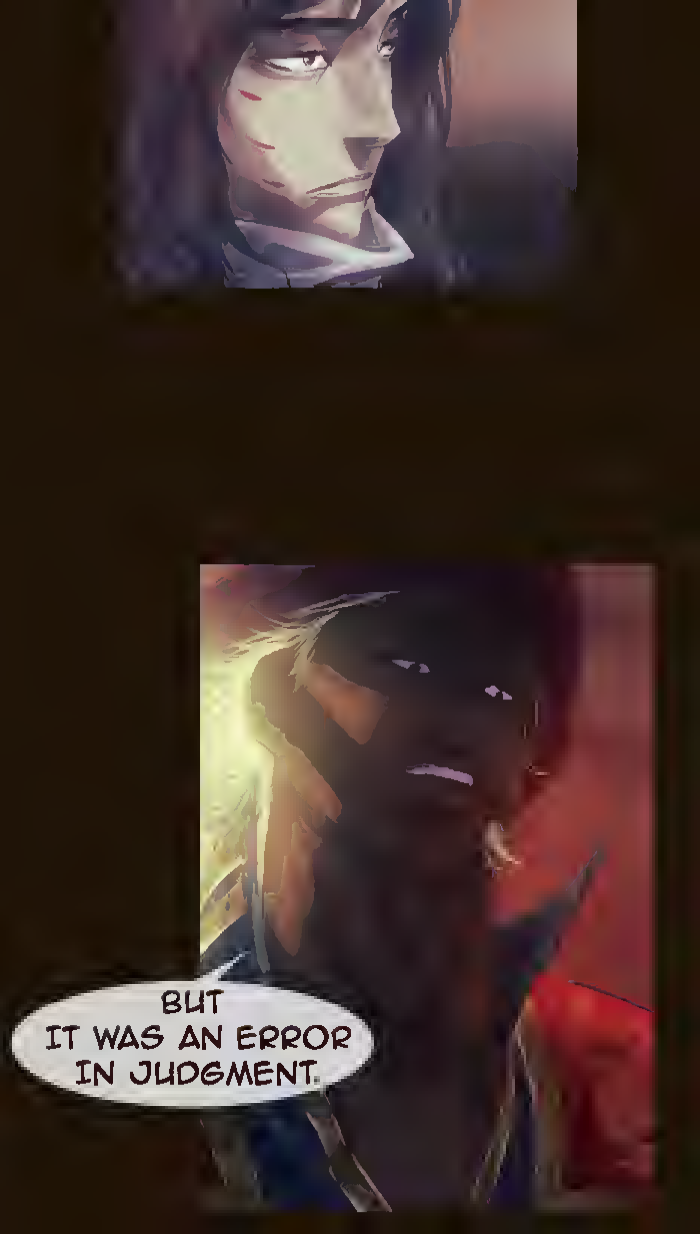

ETHAN,
WHAT KIND OF
DIRTY TRICK ARE
YOU PLAYING?
POINT

A REVOLT?
FLINCH

HMM.
SSH

I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU.
CREAK


I DRAGGED YOU HERE AS A GIFT FOR ETHERMASK.

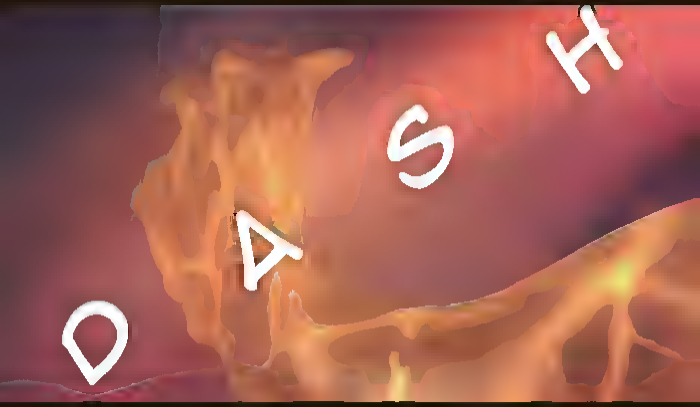

BUT
IT WAS AN ERROR
IN JUDGMENT.

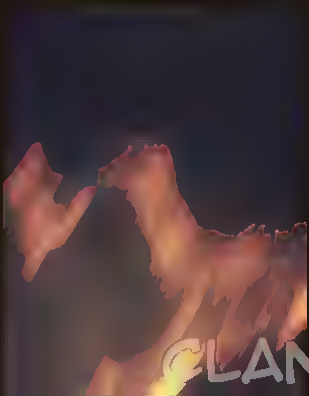
AH! MY BODY...
TAP

TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP
GLARE
SH*T!

HMMM

LASER


DASH


CLANK

AAAAAH!
HEY D
I TOLD YOU TO
BE GENTLE
WITH ME!!!

ДДДД!
ТНЦМР

HEY, D!
WHAT THE HELL
WAS THAT?
OOPS!
PHAT
AH, WELL...
THAT WAS... YOU
KNOW. HAHAHA

I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD COMPANY.
GLARE

I KNOW IT'S NOT MY PLACE, BUT YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HARASS A WOMAN!
TA
DA
IN FACT, I, D, WON'T LET YOU!!
SHOUT

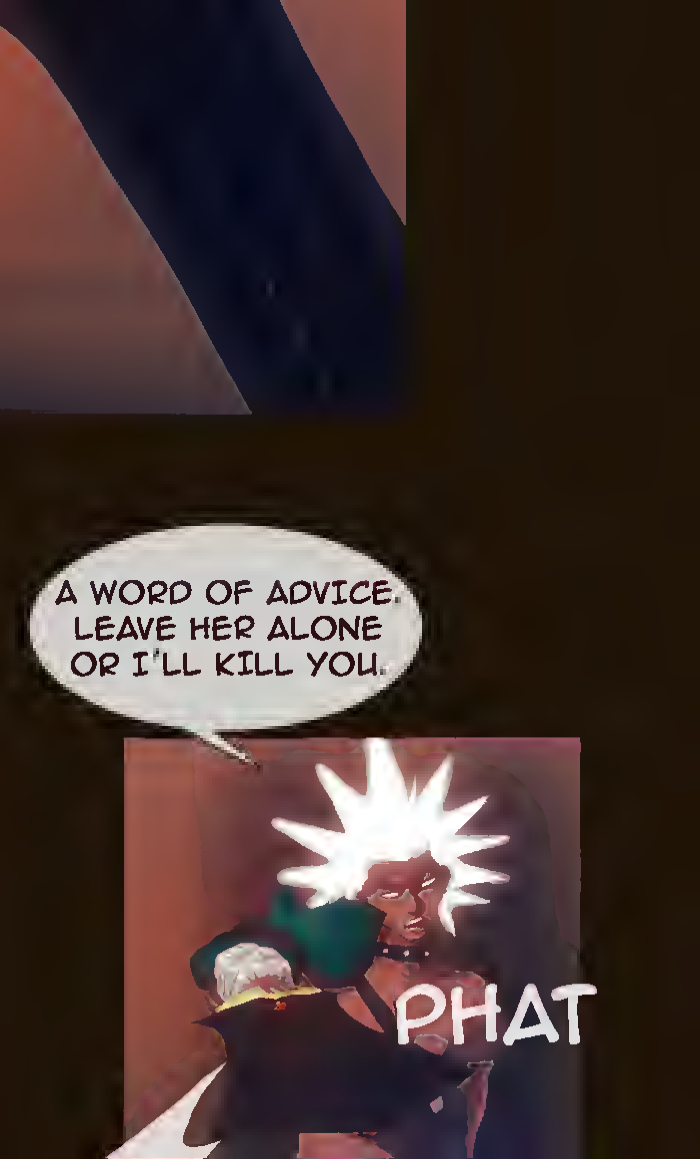
SHOUT
WHOEVER BOTHERS ANY WOMAN IS MY ENEMY!!!
HEY, D, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? AND WHAT ABOUT ME?
I HATE WHEN YOU DO THIS!

YOU JUST WAIT.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

AND THE SWORD IS TALKING. IT MUST BE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL.

OKAY, JUST THIS ONCE. BUT NEXT TIME, EXPECT NO MERCY.
HEY! IF YOU THROW ME AROUND LIKE THAT AGAIN, THAT'S IT I DON'T CARE IF WE'RE FRIENDS OR NOT!
TAP

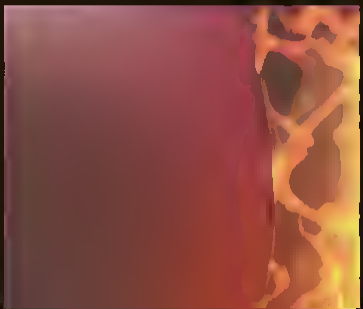

A WORD OF ADVICE. LEAVE HER ALONE OR I'LL KILL YOU.
PHAT

HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
WINCE
HEY, DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!!!
BLAH BLAH BLAH
I'M TRYING TO SCARE THE GUY OFF SO SHUSH! YOU'RE NOT HELPING!

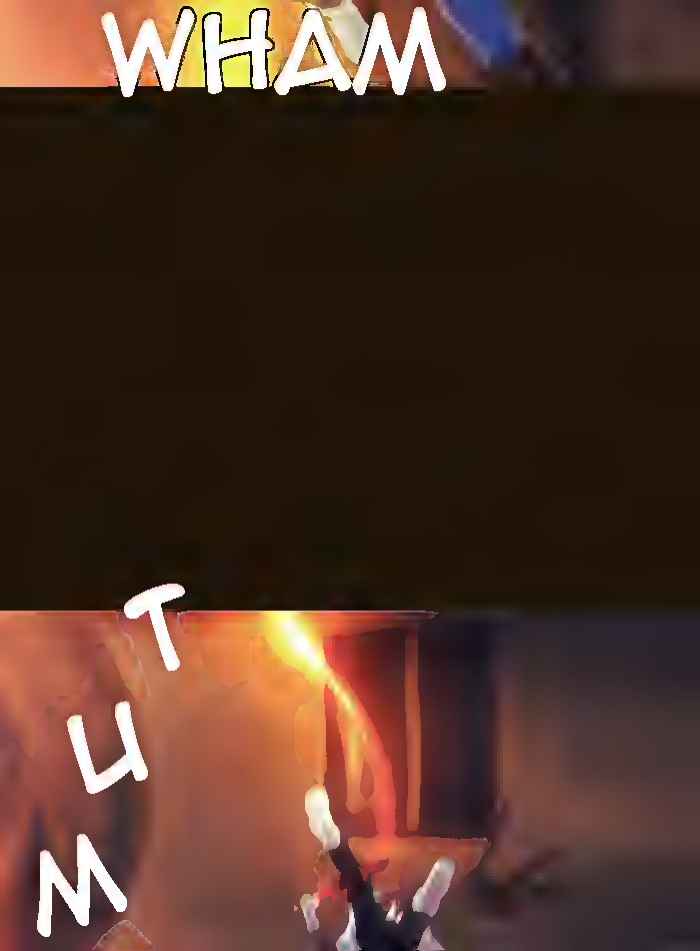
D

S
H
I DON'T CARE! I'VE GOT TO LOOK AFTER MYSELF FIRST!
YOU... YOU...
HUH! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A REALLY HARD STICK...

НИН?



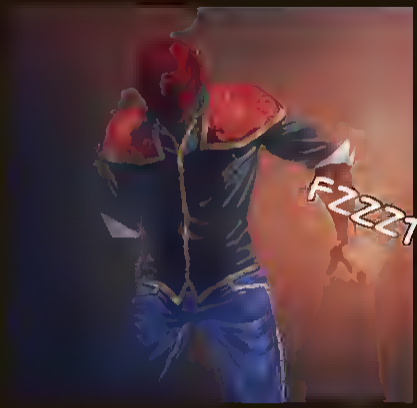
AWK!!


WHAM
MUT

B

L

E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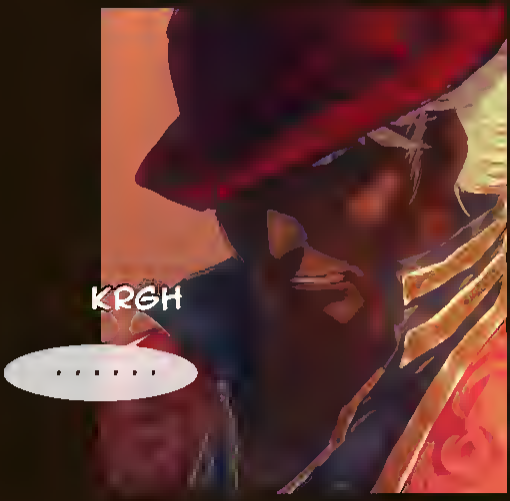
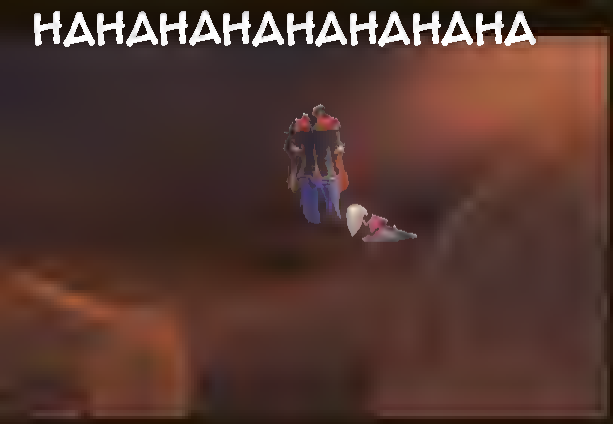

KRGH
.....

HUMMM

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

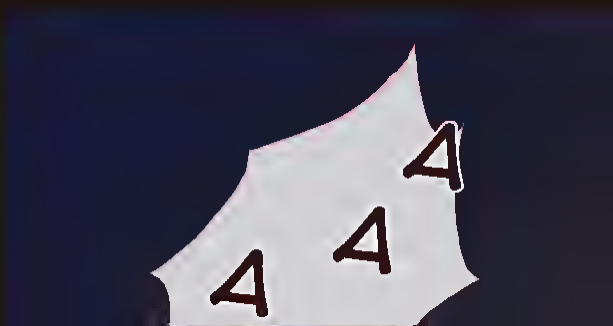


YOU LOOK SURPRISED.

YOU MAY HAVE THE SKILLS TO BREAK THROUGH STEEL.

AARGH,
THAT REALLY HURT.
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW MY SWORD. TALKING MAY SEEM LIKE ALL IT DOES, BUT IT HAS A TRULY SPECIAL ATTRIBUTE.

"INDESTRUCTIBILITY."
THAT'S THE ATTRIBUTE
IT HAS.

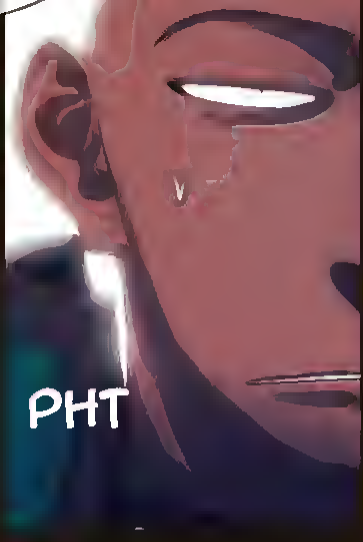


RRRRRRGH
WINCE

WHAT DID HE DO TO ME?

THAT REALLY HURT, YOU KNOW!

AAAARRR. I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BREAK!
. . . . . .
JUST STOP TALKING, WILL YOU?
I'M TRYING TO SET THE TONE HERE. WHY CAN'T YOU JUST PLAY ALONG?



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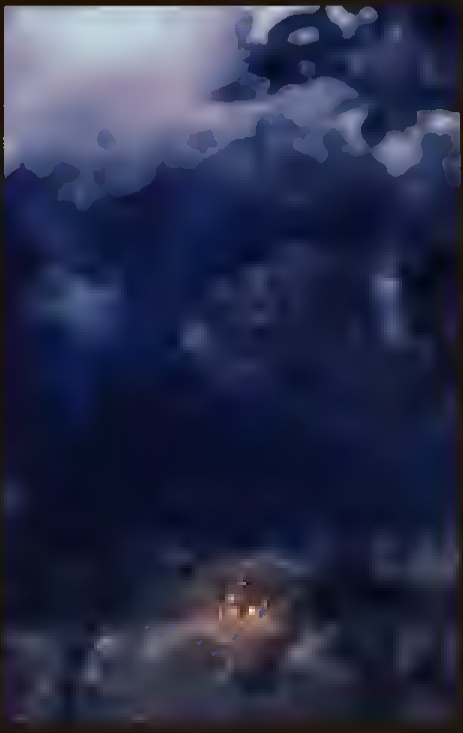

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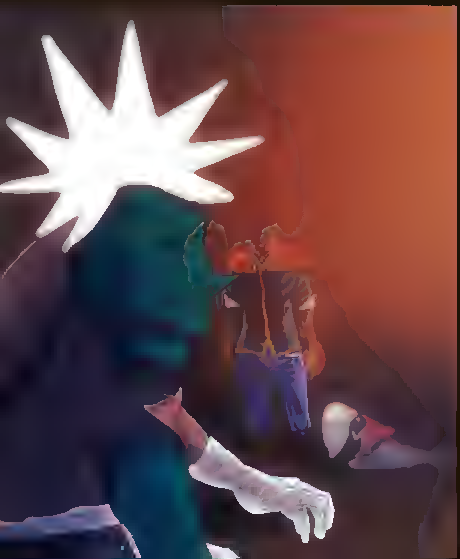
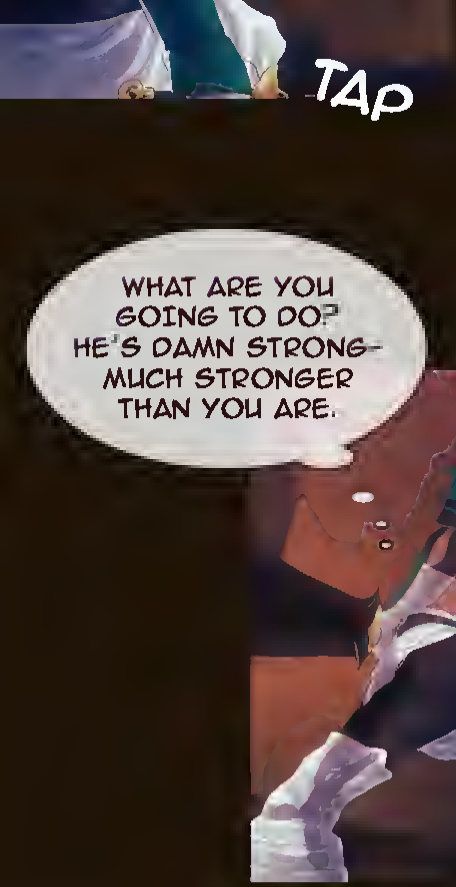



TAP
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? HE'S DAMN STRONG— MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU ARE.

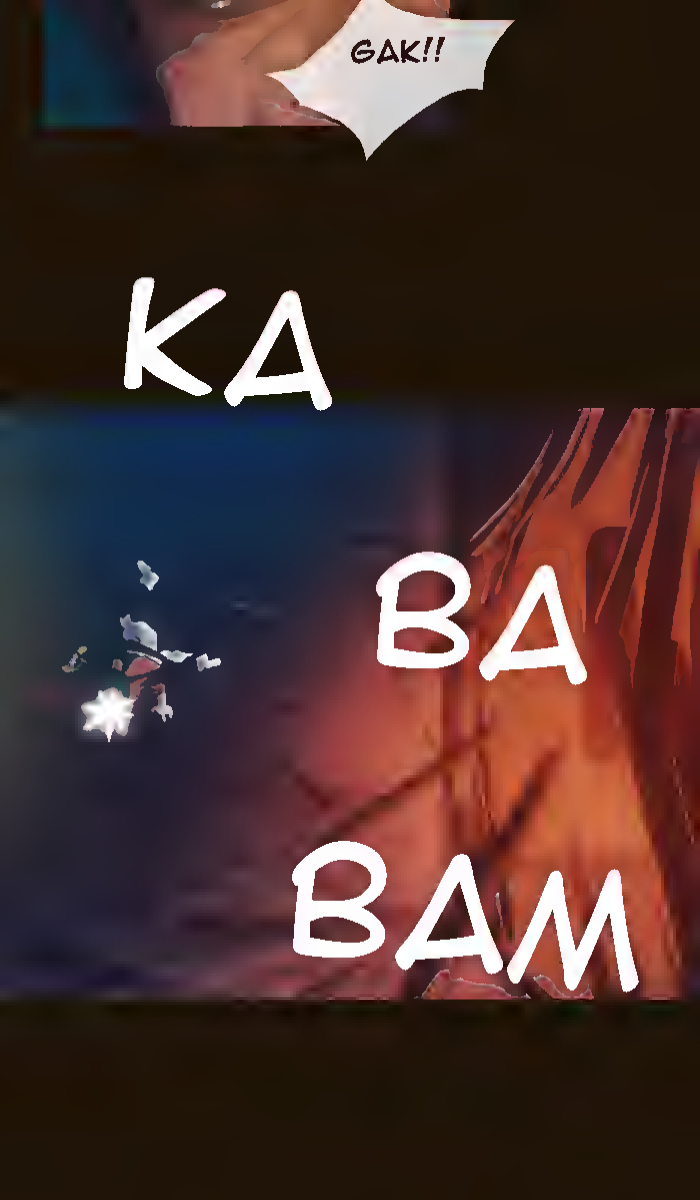
I KNOW, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN, I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF.
IT'S A REFLEX THAT I CANNOT CONTROL.
SINCE IT'S ALREADY COME TO THIS, LET'S SAVE HER AND DASH OFF.
GLARE

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY TO FIGHT HIM?

WE'LL SEE.

HUFF
HUFF

POW


GAK!!
KA
BA
BAM

AWK!
SCREECH

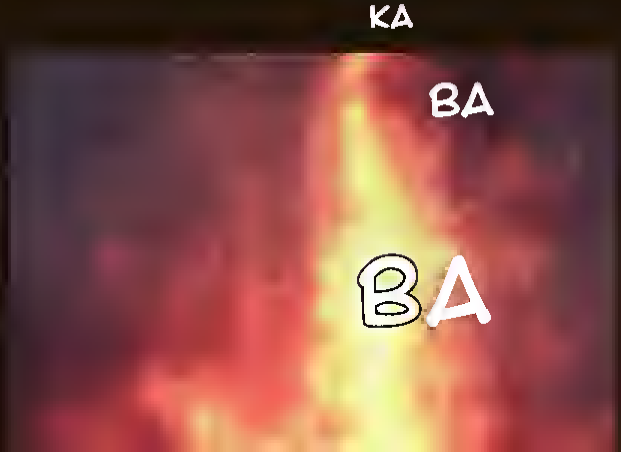
HE'S TOO STRONG!
OOF!

HUMM

DAMN YOU!!

GRRR

UH?
FLARE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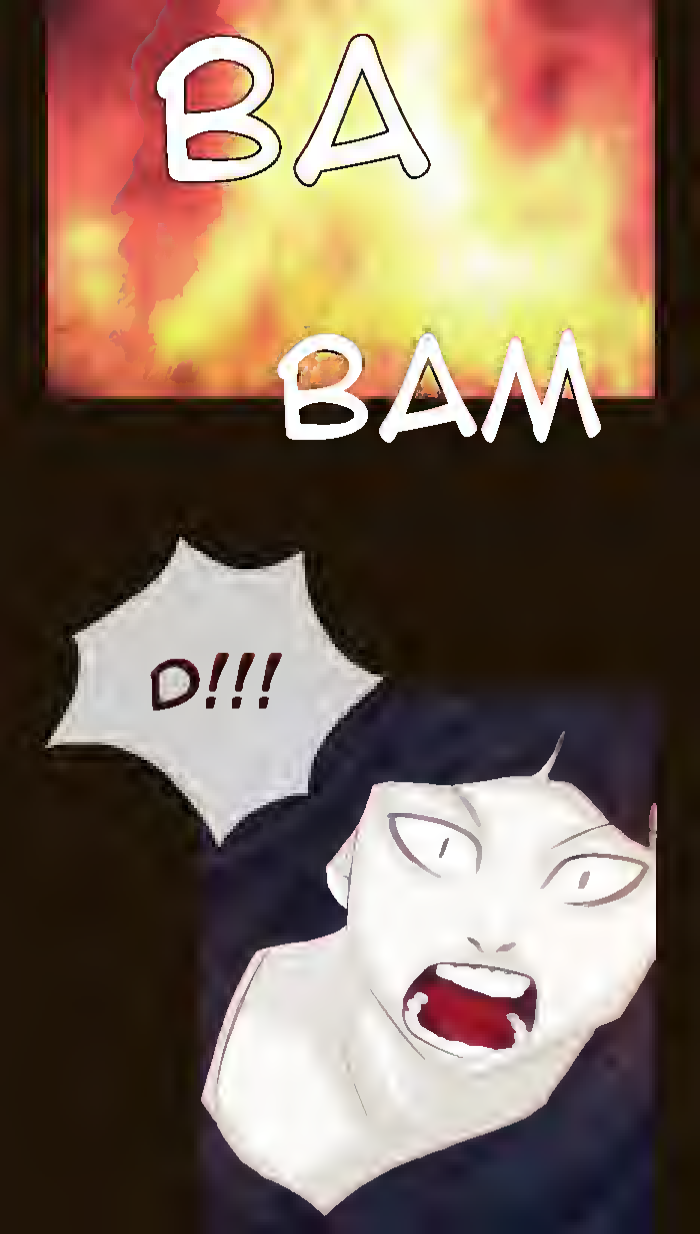

BA
BAM
D!!!

FLASH
ARGH!

YOU!!!
KATA
KATA
KATA
NOW THAT I CAN'T TURN BACK.
C

LENCH
I'M GOING TO POUNCE WITH ALL MY FORCE!!!

PHIT

PHIT

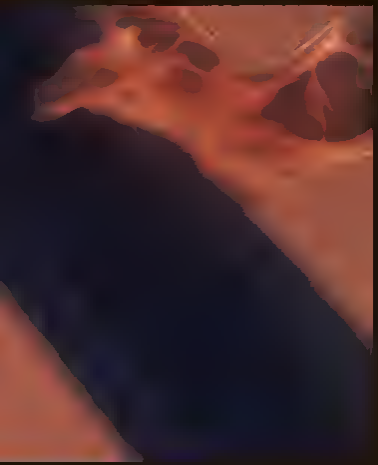
PHIT

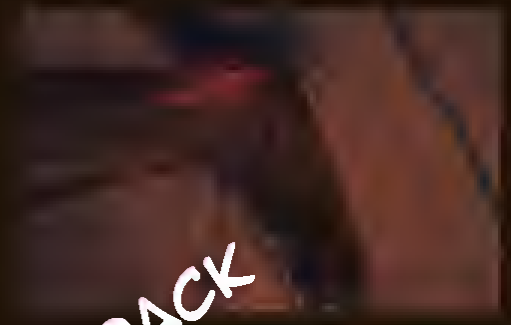
PHIT

POW

RRRGH!!

SLASH
THUD

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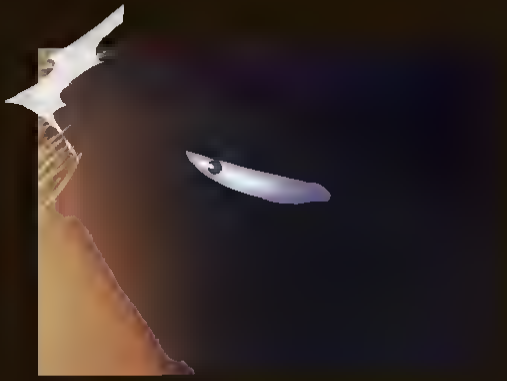
YOU
BASTARD!



TRICKLE

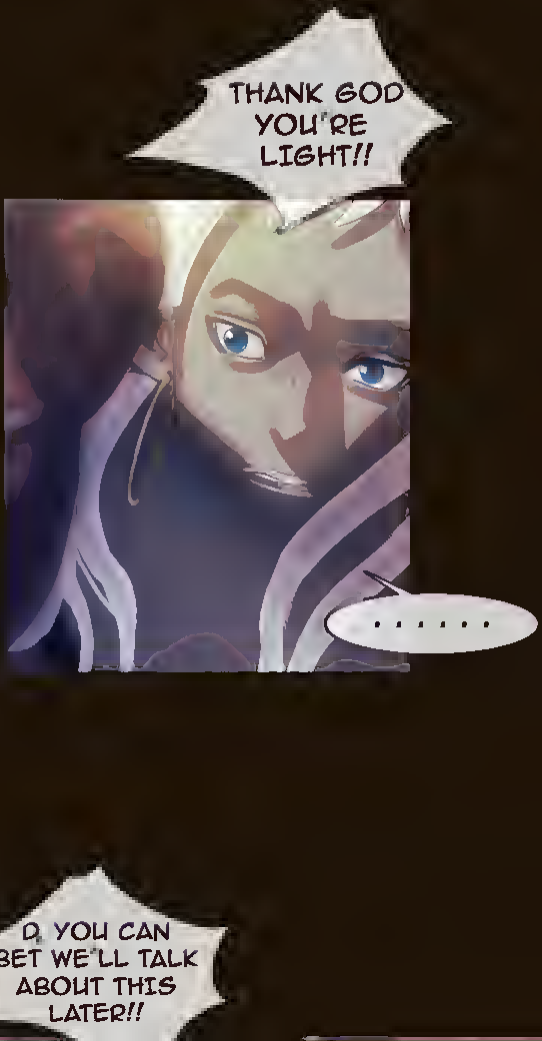
HEHEHE

BAM
YOU'RE ONLY A HUMAN AFTER ALL!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
MADREN!!

SWING
RUN!!!

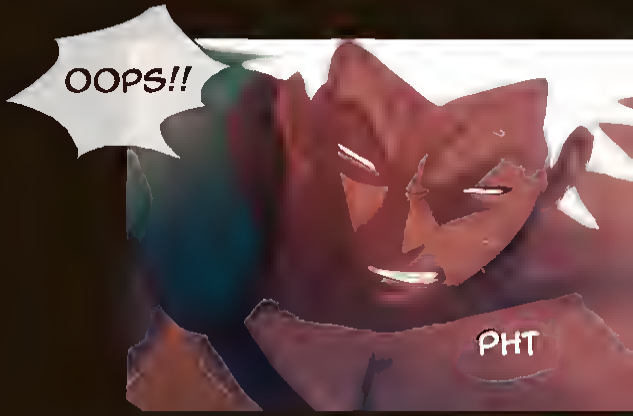
KATA

GRAB


THANK GOD YOU'RE LIGHT!!
.....
O, YOU CAN BET WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS LATER!!

AHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA...
GINA!!

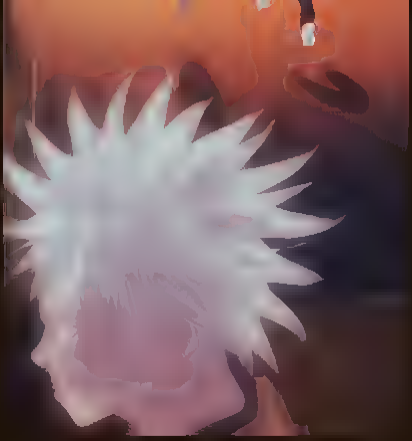
WOOP

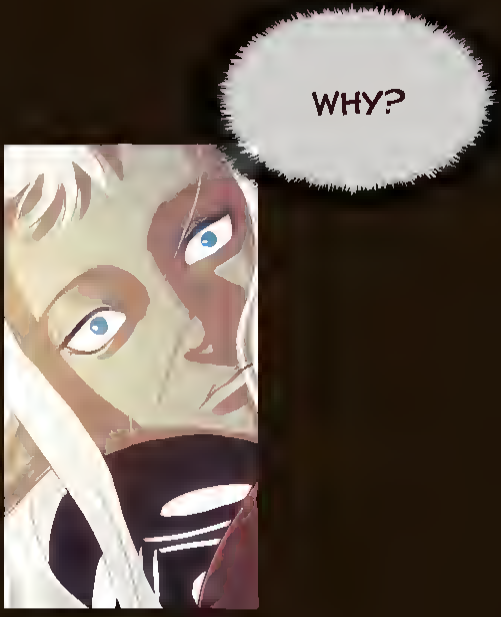

OOPS!!
PHT

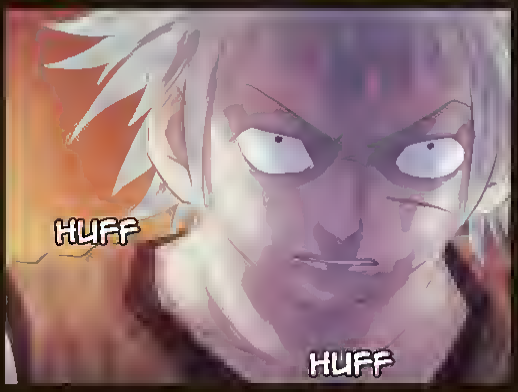
SLASH

TAP

THANKS, KID!!




WHY?


HUFF
HUFF

TAP
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO BARGE IN!
YOU MESSED IT UP!

I CAN'T LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR IT.
I'LL BURN YOU INTO ASHES!
FA

ZOOM

OOF!

TO BE CONTINUED...

MAGICIAN

LINE Webtoon

TRICKLE

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MAGICIAN

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PLOP

FAZOOM

THIS IS HOW YOU PLAN TO GET BACK AT ME FOR YOUR FATHER'S DEATH?

HOW PITIFUL.

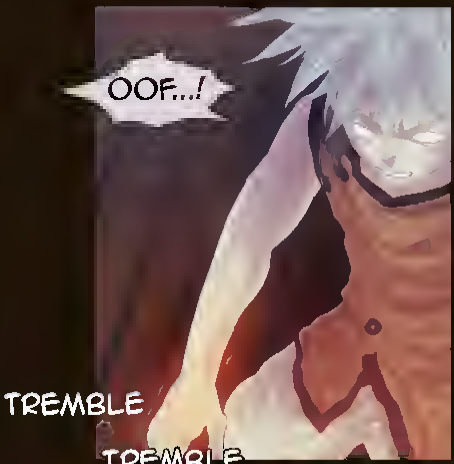
HUH!?

PAH!
SWING

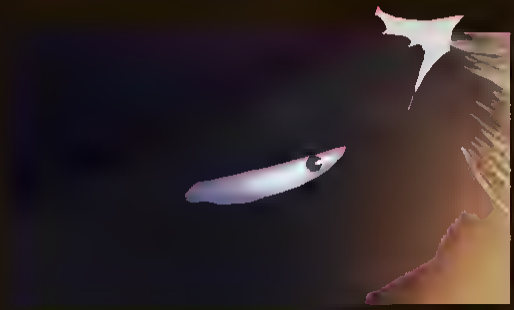
CLANK

THUD

JESUS CHRIST!!!


OOF...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

SSH



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FAZOOM

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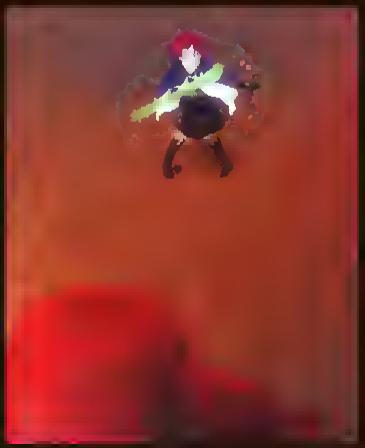
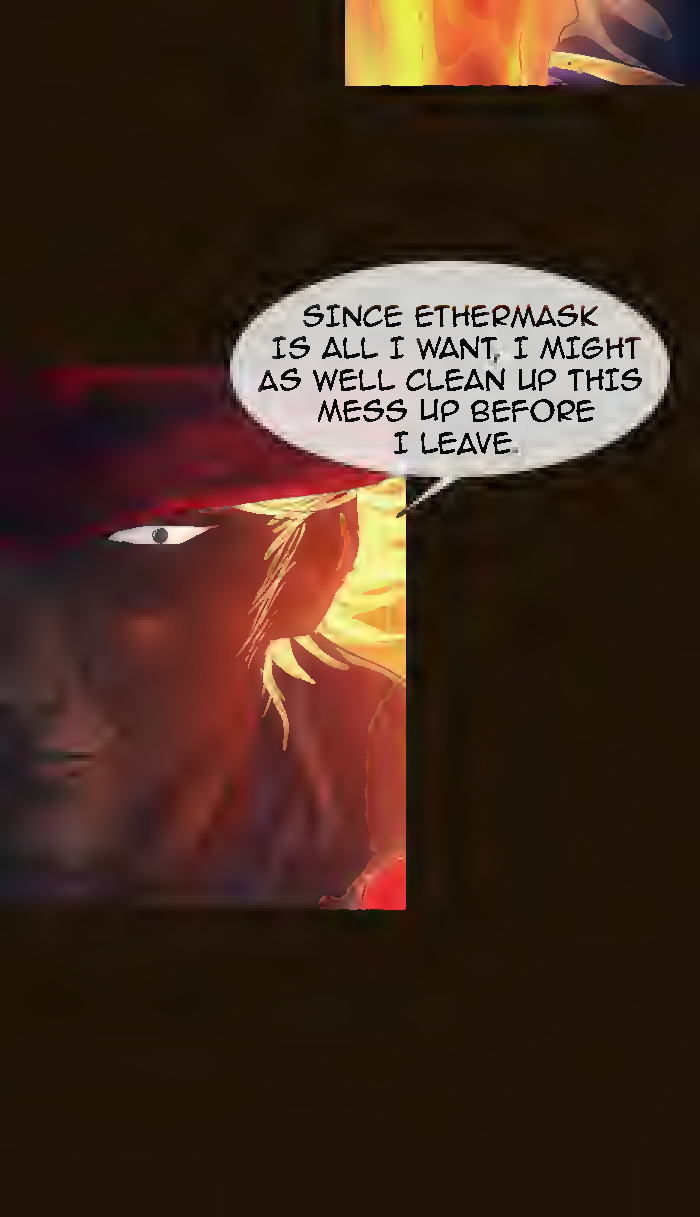


OH NO.
MY MAGIC WON'T
WORK ON HIM.

HE'S WAY TOO STRONG...

YOU KIDS ARE LIKE A PAIR OF CRANES DANCING.

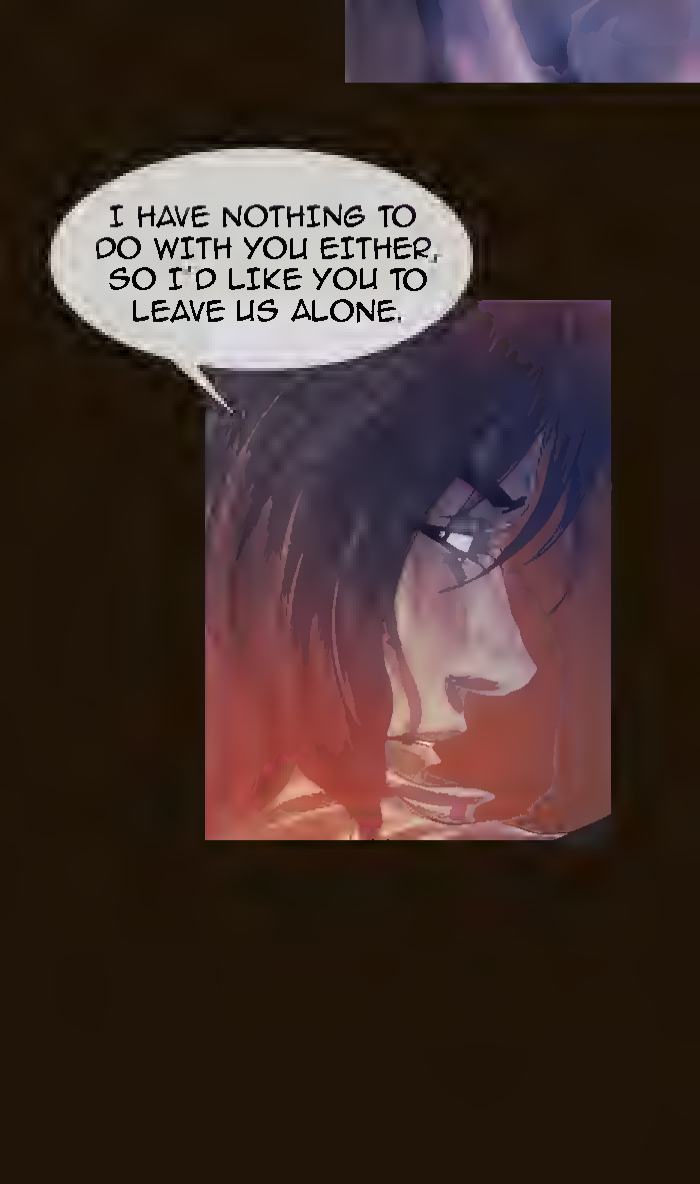

SINCE ETHERMASK IS ALL I WANT, I MIGHT AS WELL CLEAN UP THIS MESS UP BEFORE I LEAVE.

FZZT
FZZT

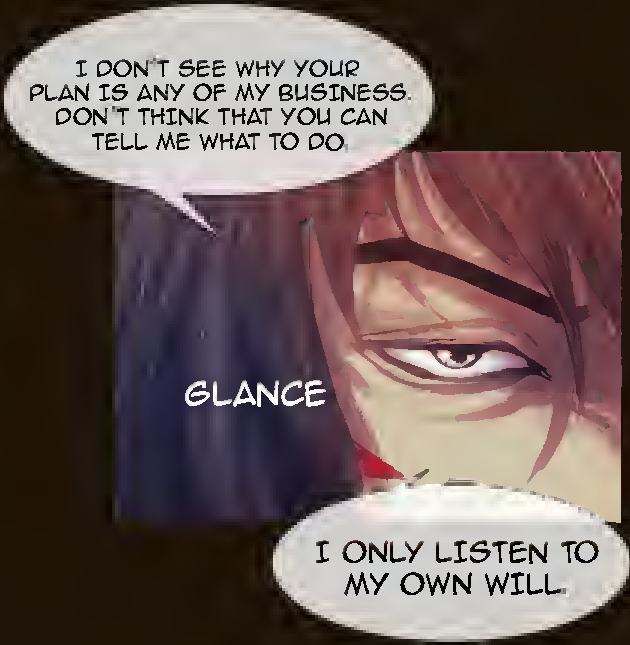
STUPID KIDS
GIGGLE

I'LL BURN YOU ALL...
SSH

SSH

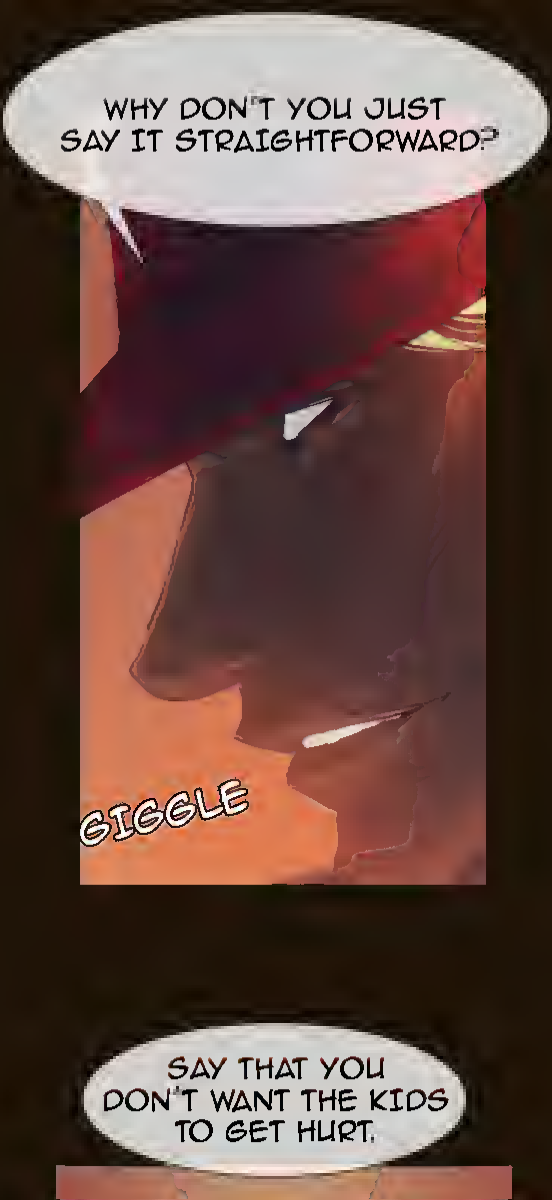

I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU EITHER, SO I'D LIKE YOU TO LEAVE US ALONE.

I'M NOT DONE YET. I HAVE AN OFFER THAT YOU CAN'T REFUSE.
SMIRK


I DON'T SEE WHY YOUR PLAN IS ANY OF MY BUSINESS. DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
GLANCE
I ONLY LISTEN TO MY OWN WILL.

MY, MY.
WHEN DID YOU
GET SO SOFT?

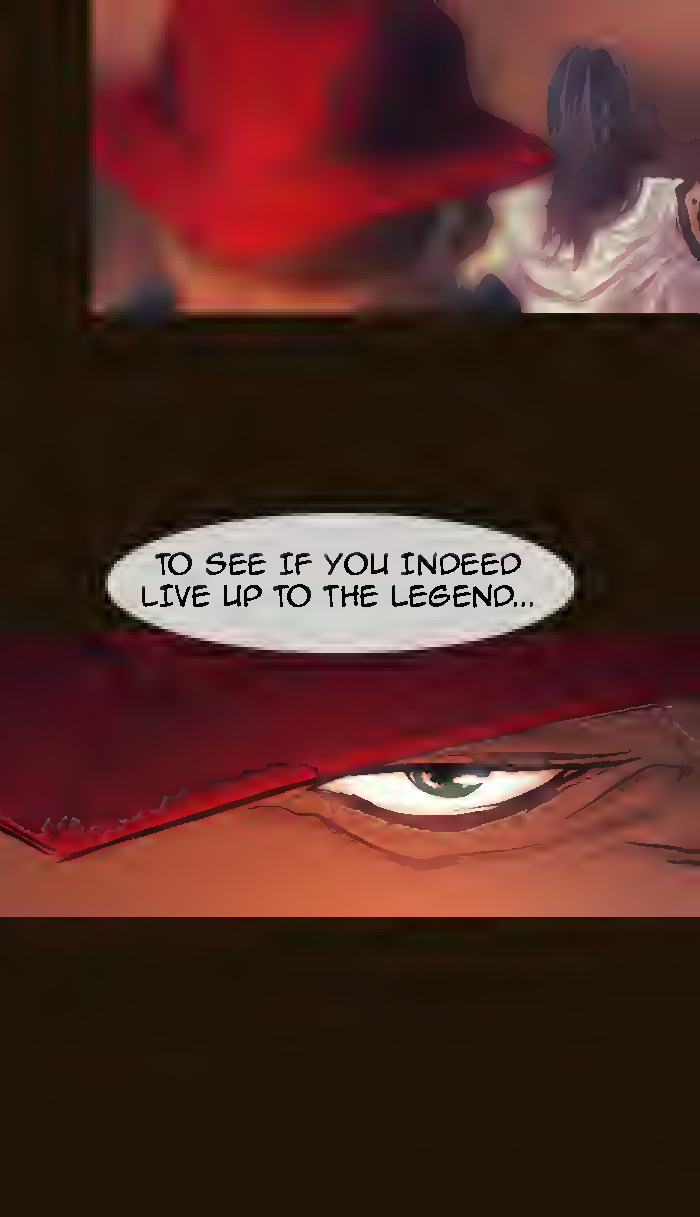
IS IT THE KIDS? WHERE DID THE CRUEL AND MERCILESS MAGICIAN GO?
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A SHELL OF WHAT YOU USED TO BE.


WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY IT STRAIGHTFORWARD?
GIGGLE
SAY THAT YOU DON'T WANT THE KIDS TO GET HURT.

ETHERMASK.

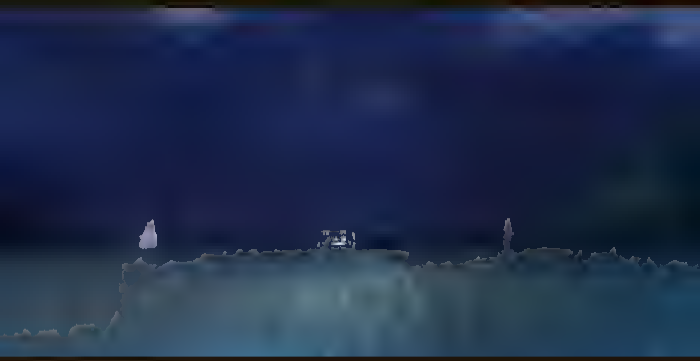
NOW I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB ANYMORE.

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHECK YOU OUT MYSELF.

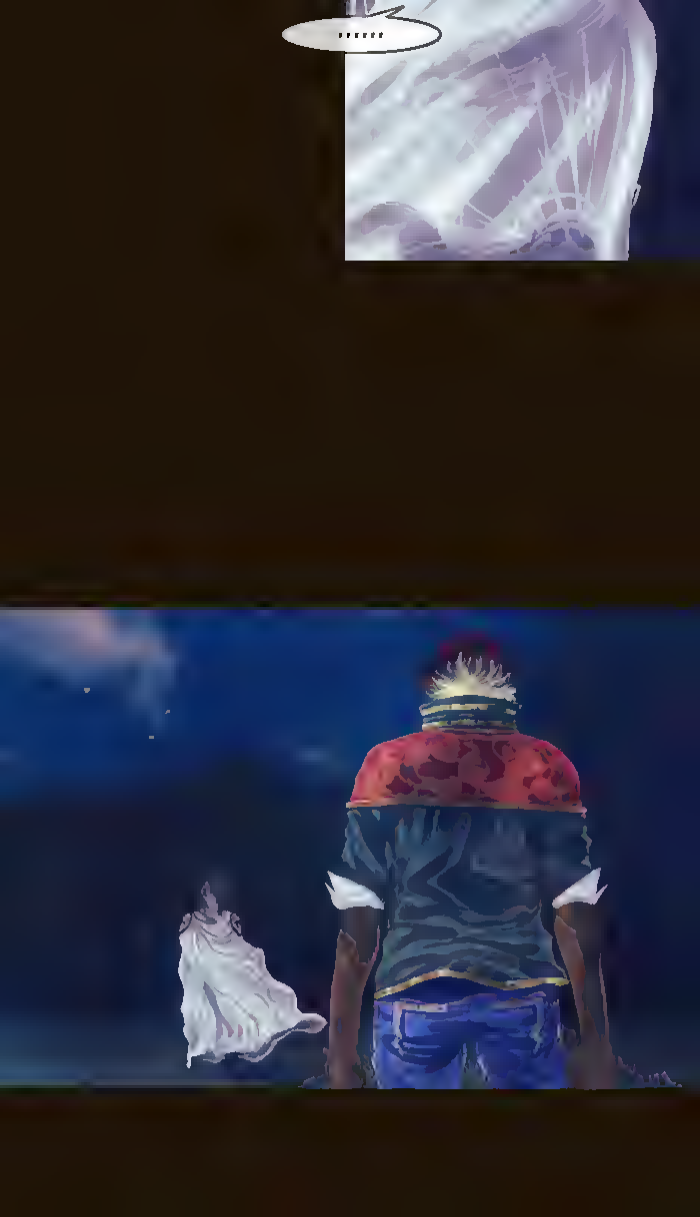

TO SEE IF YOU INDEED
LIVE UP TO THE LEGEND...

OR NOT...

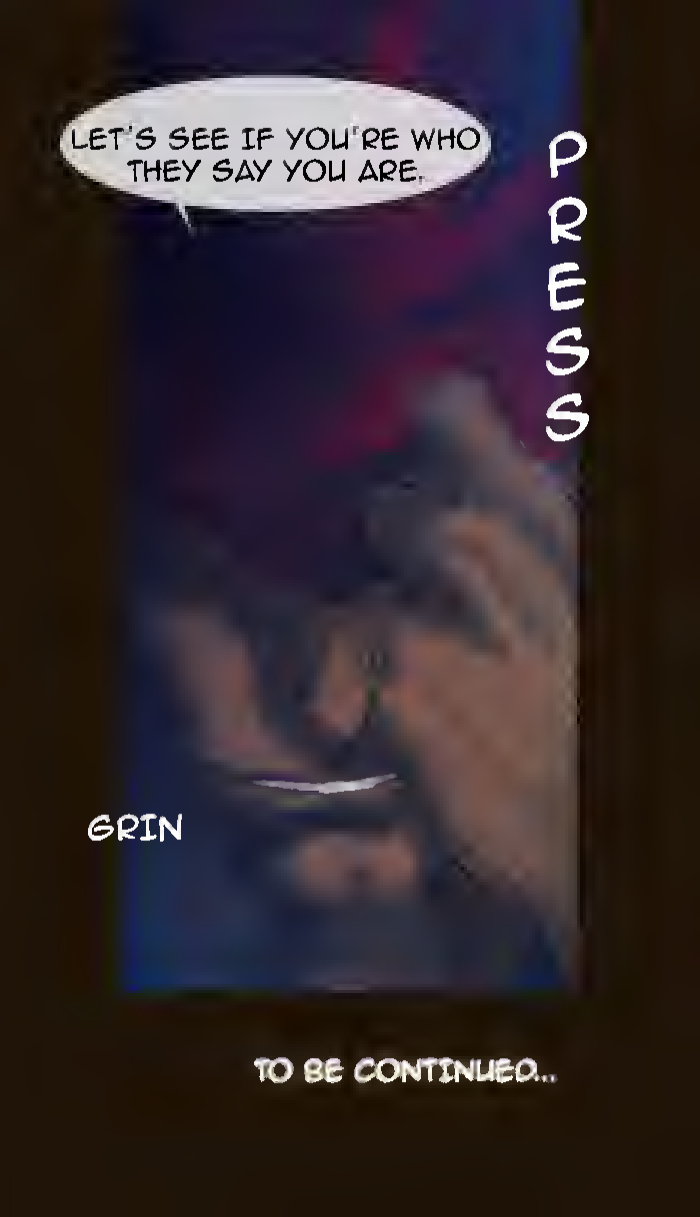
WOOOOSH



GULP

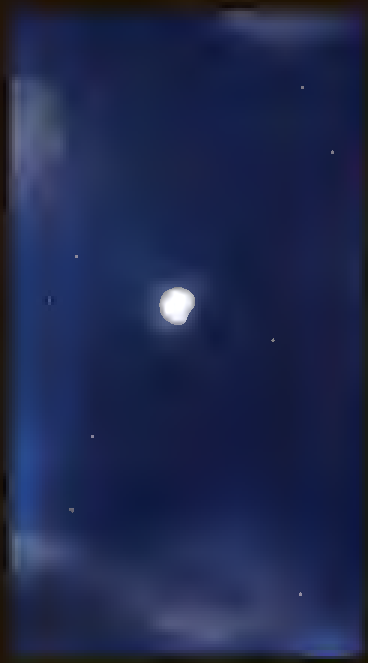


SSH
HAHAHA, OKAY.


LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE WHO THEY SAY YOU ARE.
PRESS
GRIN
TO BE CONTINUED...

MAGICIAN

LINE Webtoon



SHOOOSH

SHOW ME WHAT
A LEGENDARY MAGICIAN
CAN DO.

MAGICIAN

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НУДД!!

FZZT
FZZT

TRY NOT TO DIE OUT HERE. HAHAHA.

SSH

FZZT
FZZT

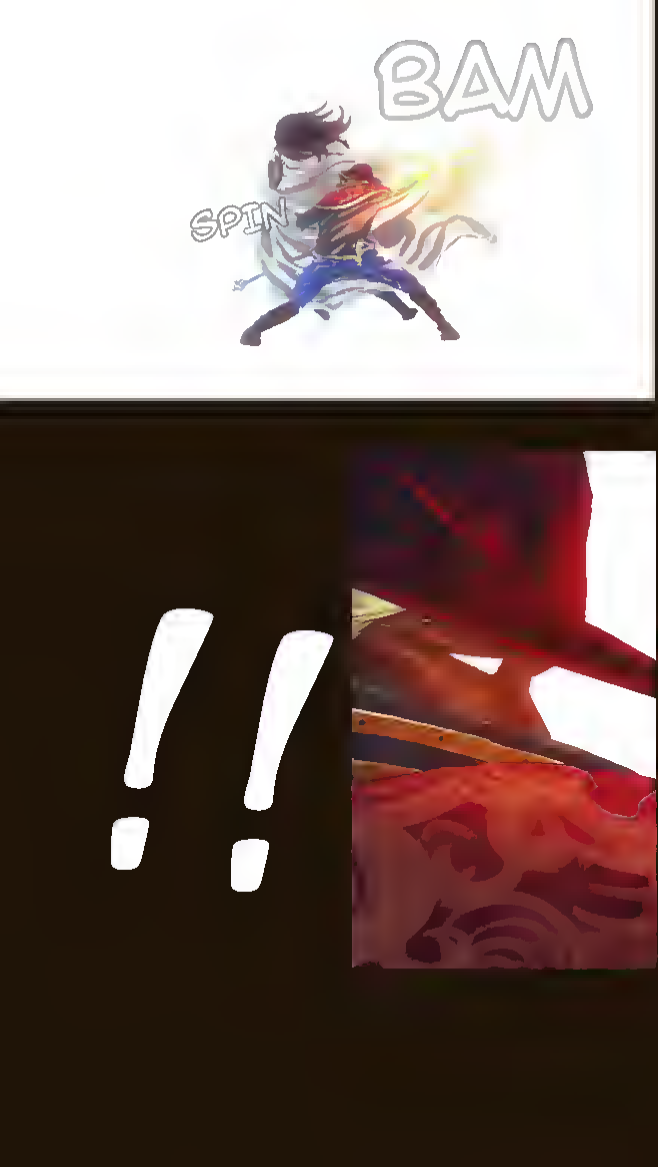
KAZOOM

FZZZT
PHAT
FLARE

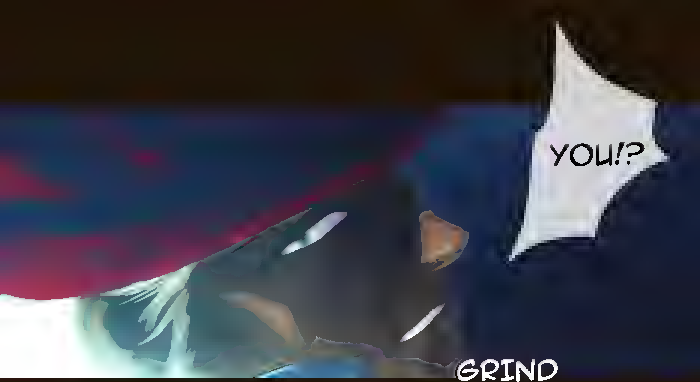
PHT!!

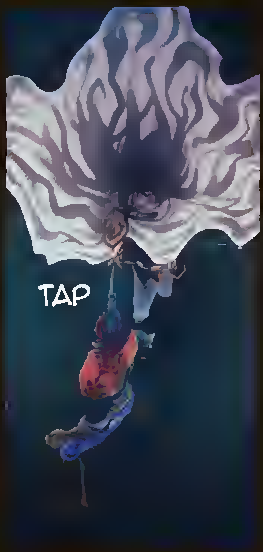
FLARE
TAP

PHAT-

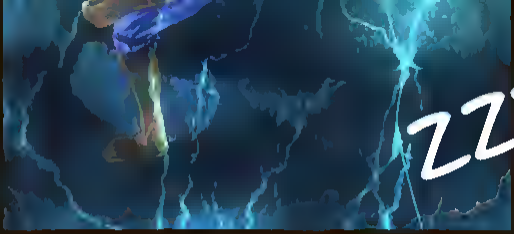

BAM
SPIN
!!

SCREECH


YOU!?
GRIND


TAP

PZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ



F

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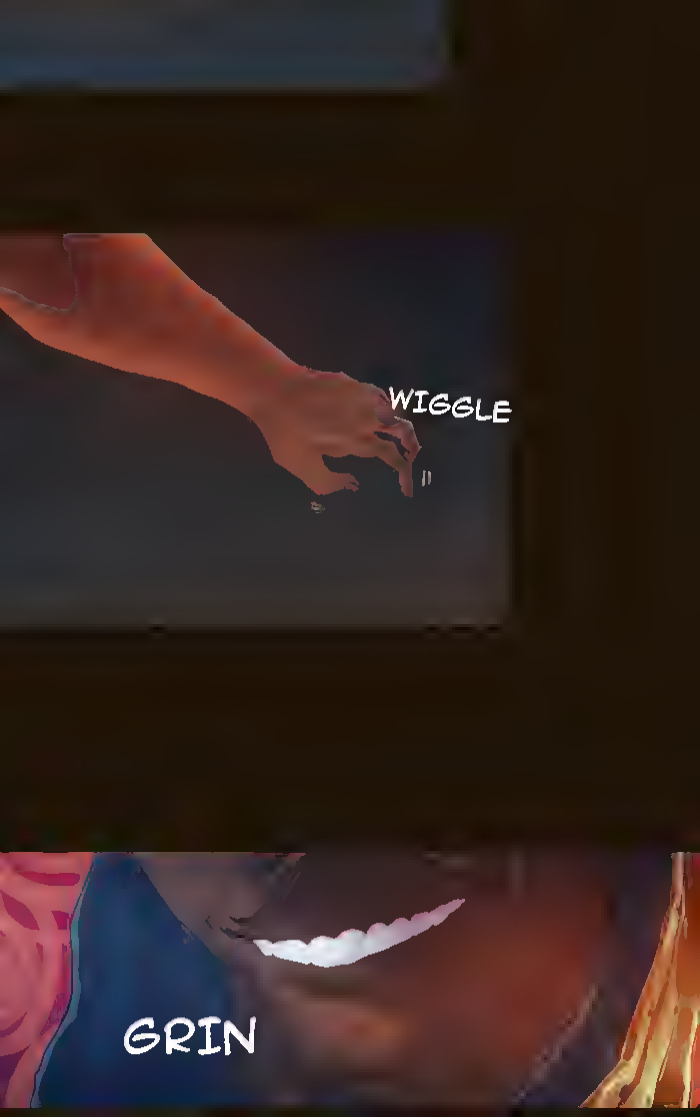
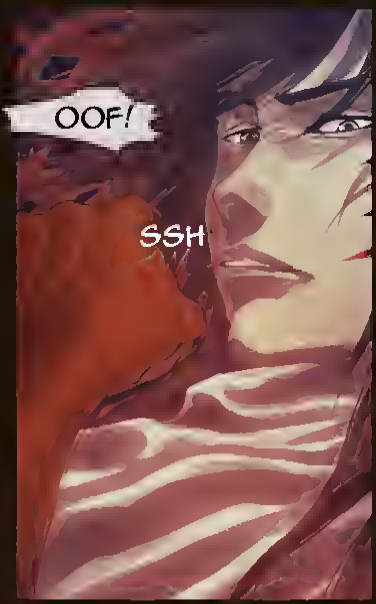
TZZT
TZZT


WIGGLE
GRIN

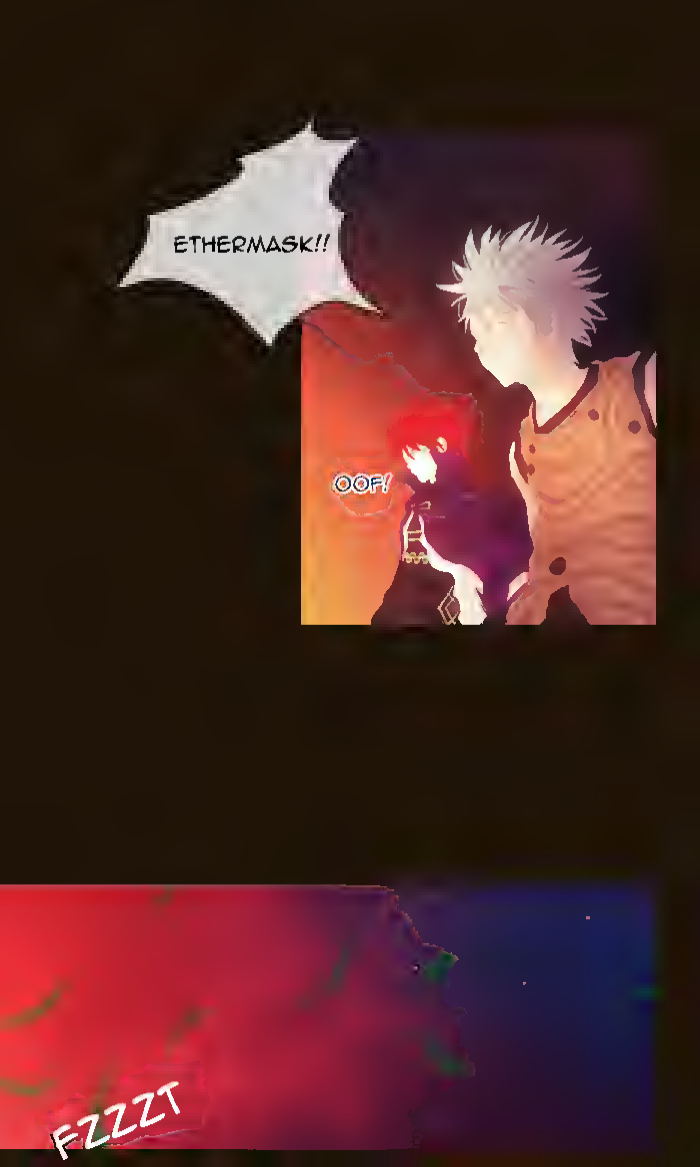
POW


OOF!
SSH

HUMMM
FLA

S
H

BTOOM

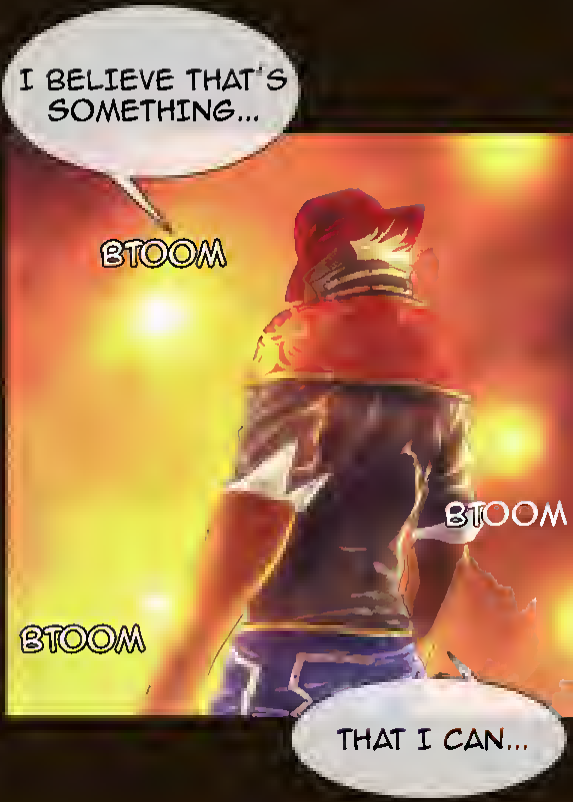

ETHERMASK!!
OOF!
FZZZT

WELL, NOT BAD.
PZZZT
SSH

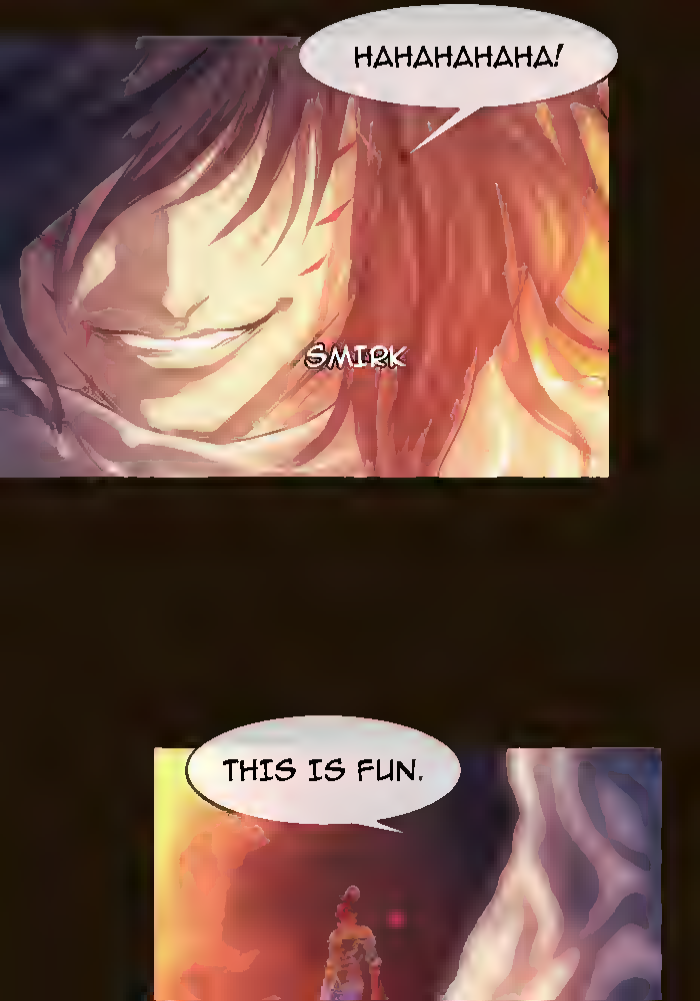
BUT THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN I CAN DO.
TAP TAP
I'D EXPECT ETHERMASK TO HAVE...
FLARE

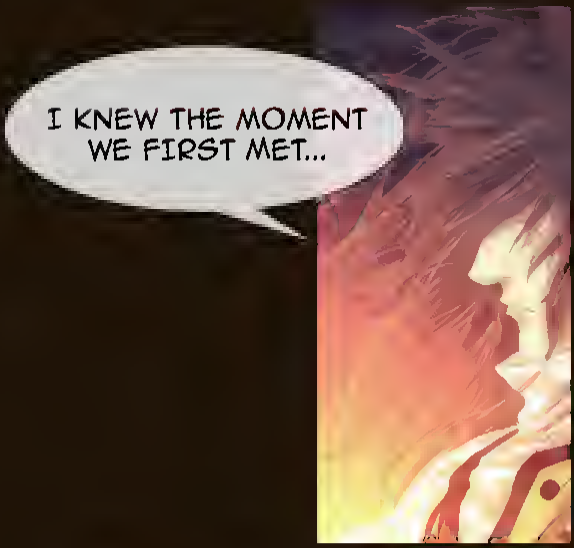
THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING THAT ONCE ENABLED HIM TO SHAKE THINGS AROUND THE VAST CONTINENT
GIGGLE

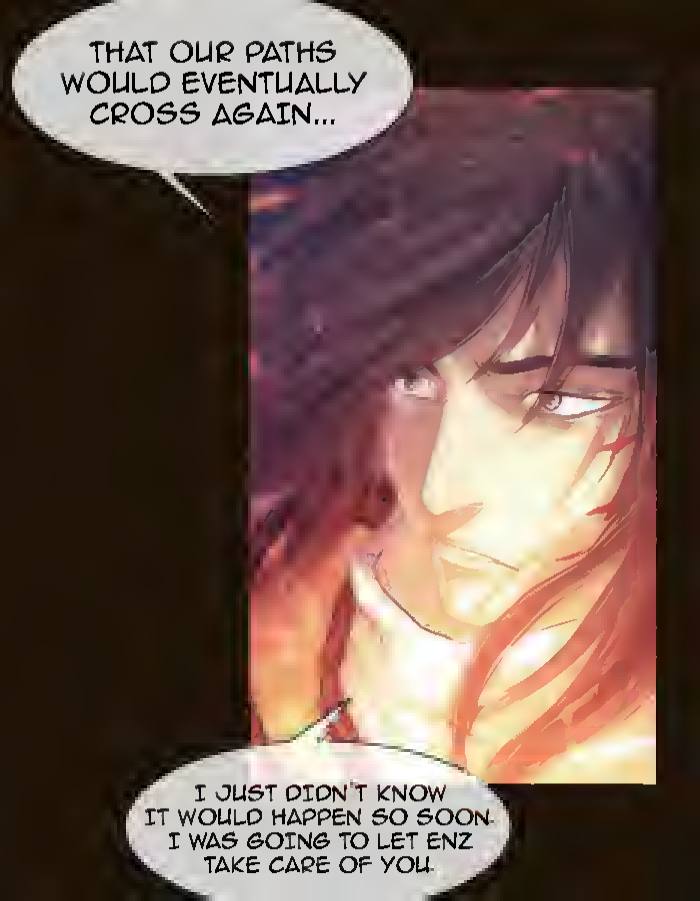
WELL, THAT SPECIAL SOMETHING,
SSH
I'LL HELP YOU BRING IT OUT.
SSH


I BELIEVE THAT'S SOMETHING...
BTOOM
BTOOM
BTOOM
THAT I CAN...

DEFINITELY DO.
.....


HAHAHAHAHA!
SMIRK
THIS IS FUN.


I KNEW THE MOMENT
WE FIRST MET...


THAT OUR PATHS WOULD EVENTUALLY CROSS AGAIN...
I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD HAPPEN SO SOON. I WAS GOING TO LET ENZ TAKE CARE OF YOU.

SAY IN 5~6 YEARS...

PZZT

AWK!
TZZT
TZZT

IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, FINE. LET'S FIGHT.
ZZT
FZZT
SHALL WE?
OH, YEAH.
HUMMM

I CAN'T WAIT.

TO BE CONTINUED..

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MAGICIAN

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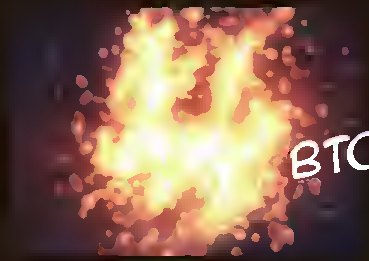
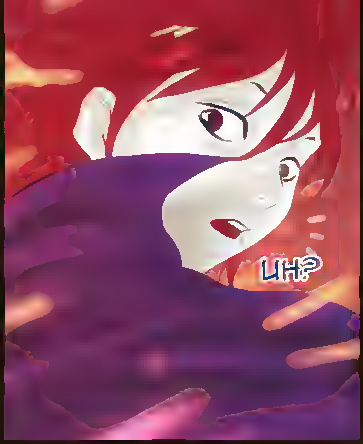
PZZZT

FLASH


BTOOM

OOF!
AWK!
BANG
IT'S GOING TO WIPE US OUT!!

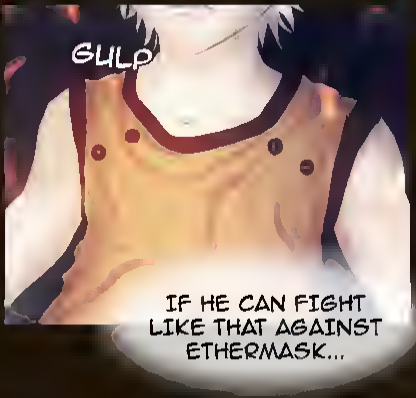
I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS!!
OOPS!
KATA KATA
RUN, NOW!!



ENZ!!!!

HEY!
GET OVER HERE!
IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS!!
COME ON,
ENZ!!

DAMN IT...!
TRICKLE
HE'S TOO STRONG!
HE'S TOO STRONG!
HE'S TOO STRONG!


GULP
IF HE CAN FIGHT LIKE THAT AGAINST ETHERMASK...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BEAT HIM YET.

WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO HIM...?
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

UH?
WHATEVER YOU ARE THINKING, STOP IT! WE'VE GOT TO RUN!!!

SCREECH-

GAK

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SSH

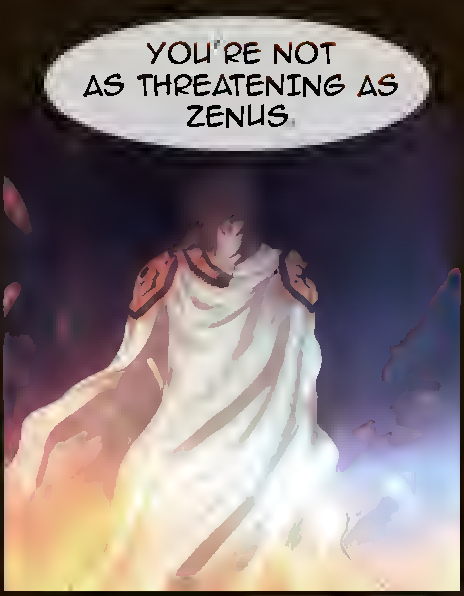
YOU'RE VERY STRONG.
I WASN'T AS STRONG AS YOU WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.
TRICKLE

I TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT
PANT
PANT
PANT

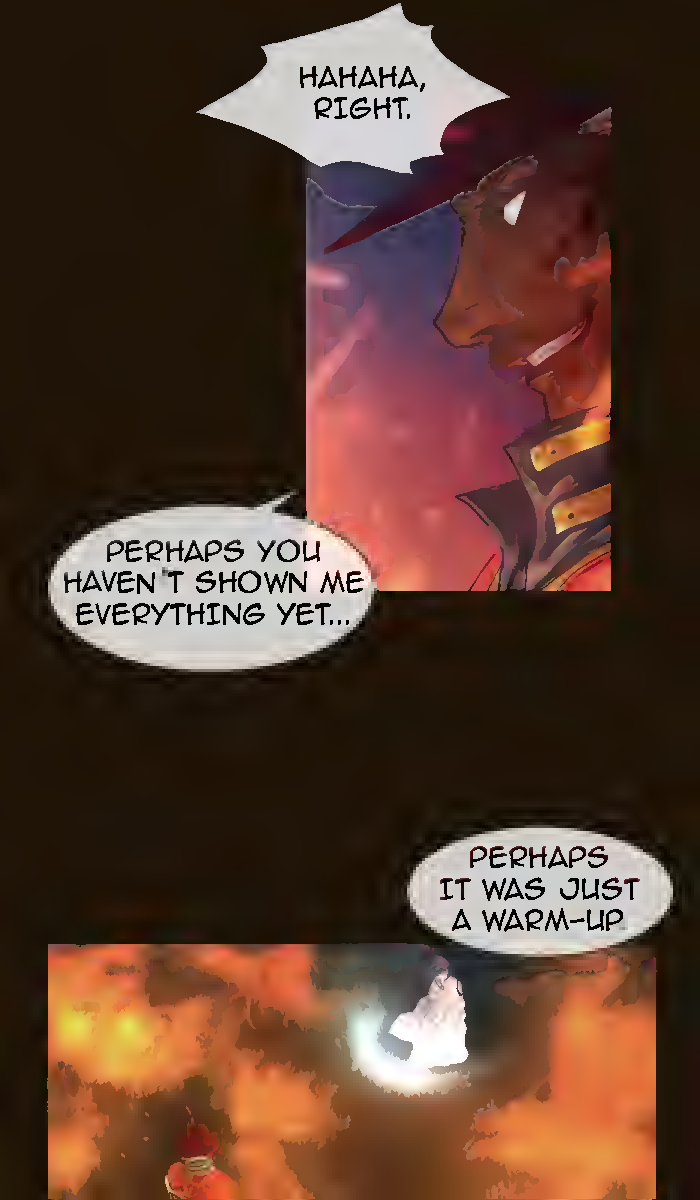
BUT THIS ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME

I EXPECTED FAR MORE FROM YOU
I DON'T THINK OUR PLAN WILL WORK IF THIS IS ALL YOU'VE GOT

EVEN HYUAN CAN BE THIS INTIMIDATING.


YOU'RE NOT AS THREATENING AS ZENUS.

GRIN


HAHAHA, RIGHT.
PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN ME EVERYTHING YET...
PERHAPS IT WAS JUST A WARM-UP

WELL, I NEED TO BE CERTAIN
I'M WILLING TO BET MY LIFE TONIGHT

K
R
O
O
O
S
H

PHAT

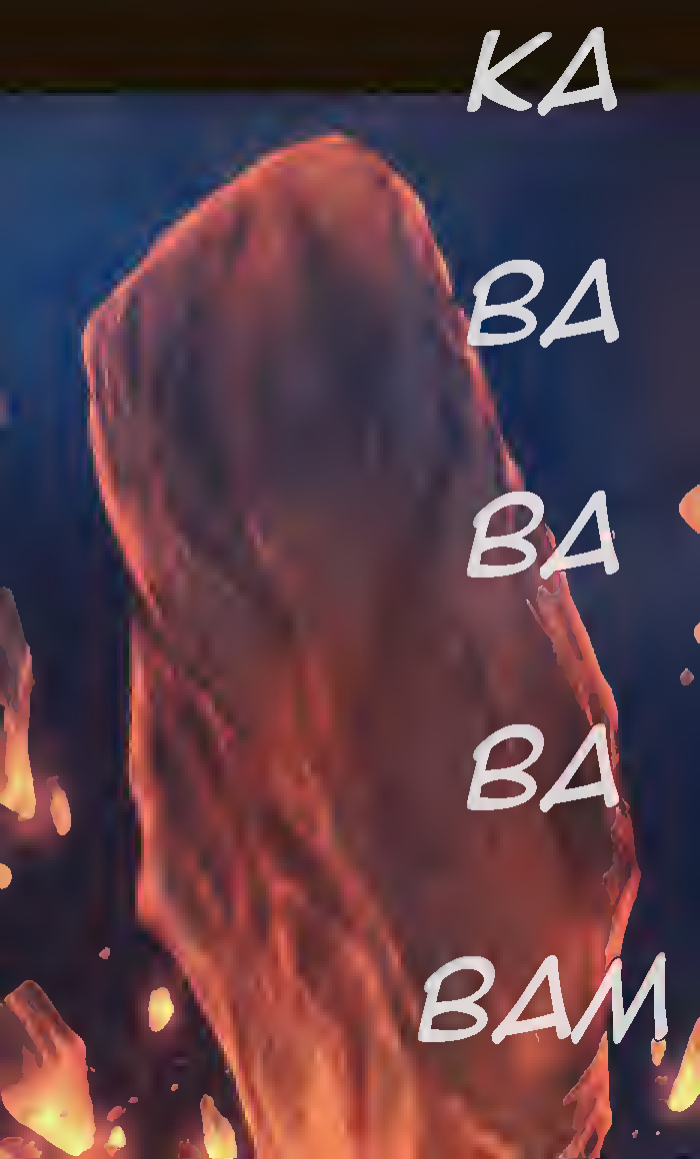
!?
MOOZA

FZZZZT
NOW WE'RE TALKING.

A DUEL ISN'T A DUEL UNTIL ONE GOES DOWN.
CRACKLE
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

BTOOM

FLARE


KA
BA
BA
BA
BAM

WHAT THE!
AFTER ALL THAT FIGHTING HE STILL HAS ENERGY LEFT TO PULL THAT OFF?
SO THIS IS MAGIC INDEED HUH?
WOW..
UM... THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE WORLD IS IT?

GRIN

RUMBLE

CRACK
CRACK

NOW THAT WE'VE WARMED UP...
FZZZT
LET'S START ROUND TWO.

TO BE CONTINUED..

MAGICIAN

LINE Webtoon

KROOOHH

MAGICIAN

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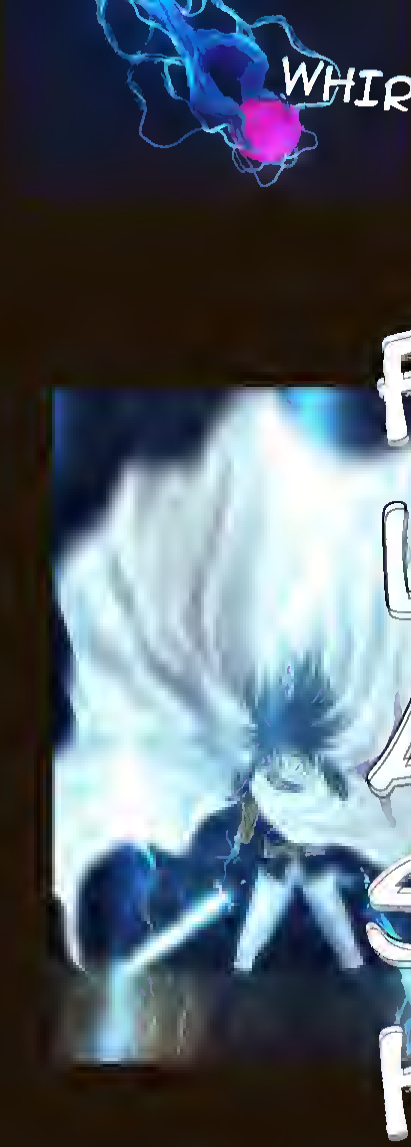
THAT WAS UNNECESSARY.
GRIN

PHAT

PZZT
PZZT

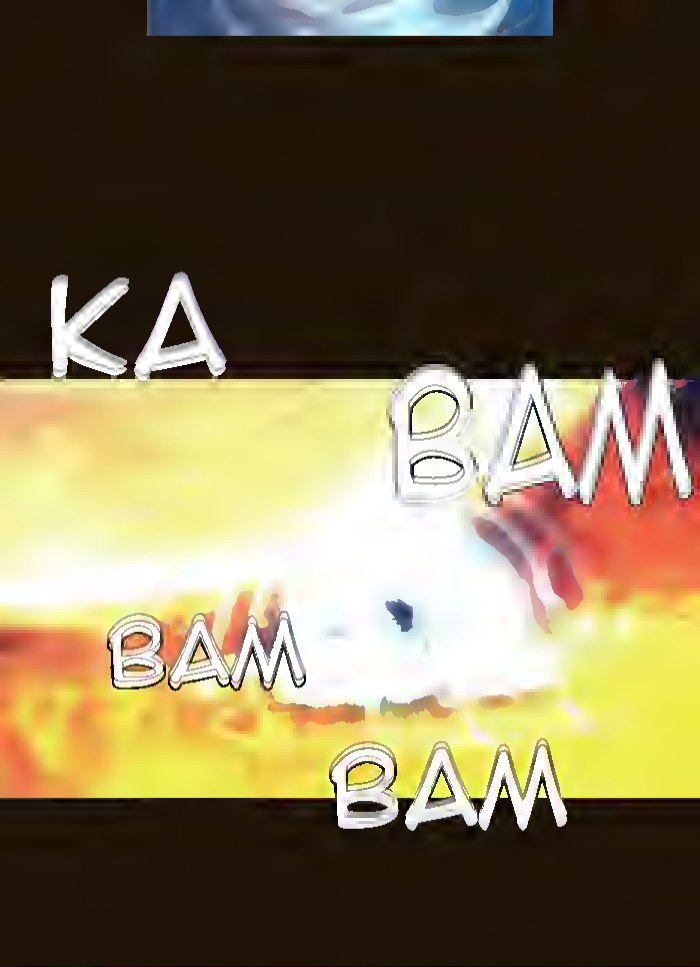

WHIR
FLASH

WOW...
I HOPE YOU IMPRESS ME THIS TIME.
PZZT
PZZT
.....

KABABAM

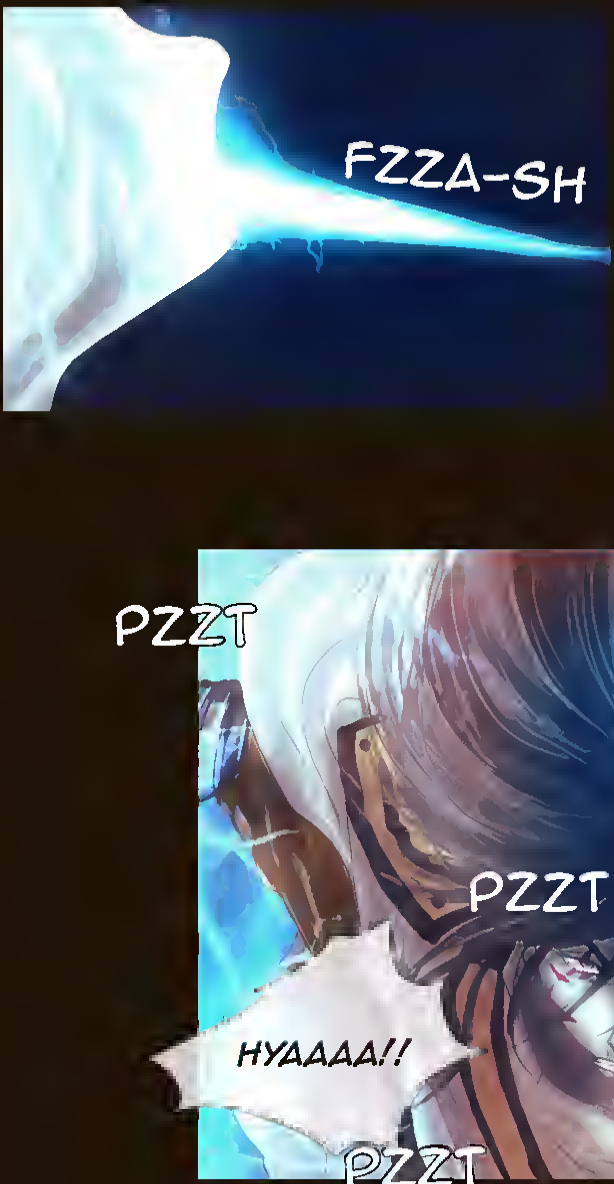
FLARE

GRRR!!


KA
BAM
BAM
BAM

CRACK

HUMMM


FZZA-SH
PZZT
PZZT
HYAAAA!!
PZZT

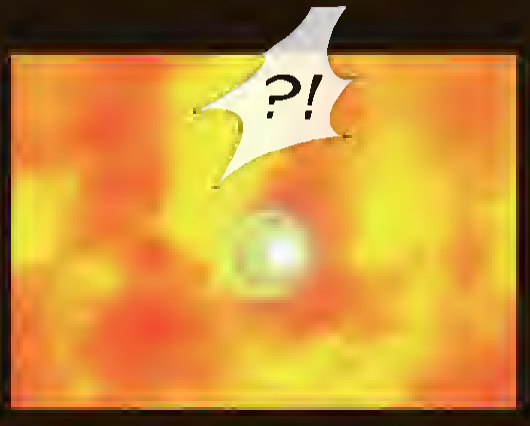
KABOOM

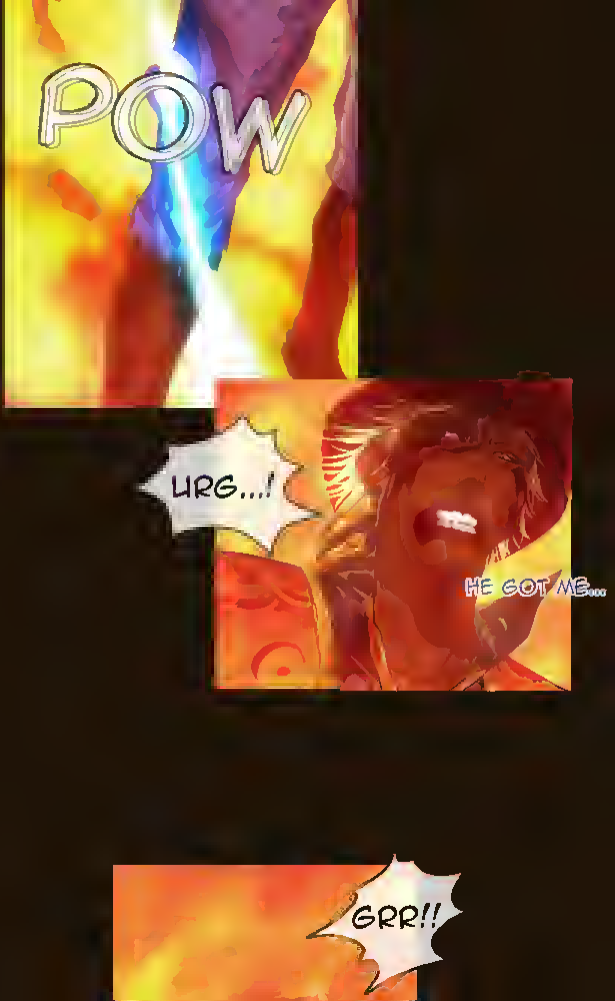
WOOSHHH-
AAA!

FLARE
ARGH!
OOF!
KRGH!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

FLARE

WHERE ARE YOU?
FLAME
THIS ISN'T OVER, IS IT?




POW
URG...!
HE GOT ME...
GRR!!

STAGGER

F
A
Z

OOM

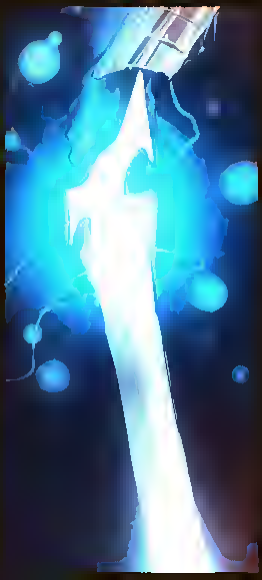
PHIT
PHIT
PHIT
PHIT

DAMN IT!!!
GRRR
PHIT
FLASH

SWOOM

CLANK

WHIRR



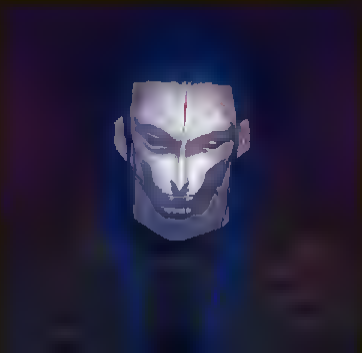
!!!
FLASH
AWK!

RUMBLE

WHAT IS THAT?

A PILLAR OF LIGHT
SO BRIGHT...

I WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE.



I'LL FIND OUT.
TO BE CONTINUED...

MAGICIAN

LINE Webtoon

MAGICIAN

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SPARK

!!!!
AWK!!
FALL

A
S
H

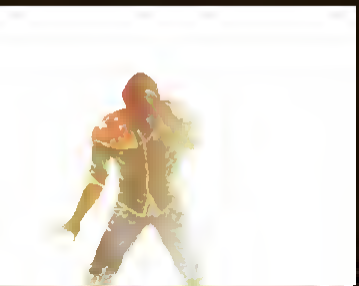
RUMBLE

IT'S SUCKING EVERYTHING IN!
AAAAH!!!
WOOSH
ARGH!

WOOSH

SHOOOSH

CRACK
SPLASH



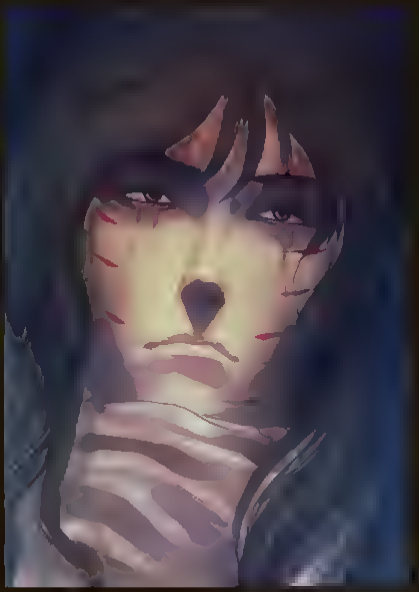
OOF...

FLOP

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF



SWING
SSH

PZZZZT

PHT! TOO STRONG...

SWOOP

STAGGER
ARGH!
STAGGER

P
H
A
T

FWOOSH

RUMBLE

OOF!!
FZZT
FZZT

FWOOM

WHAT?!

P
Z
Z
T

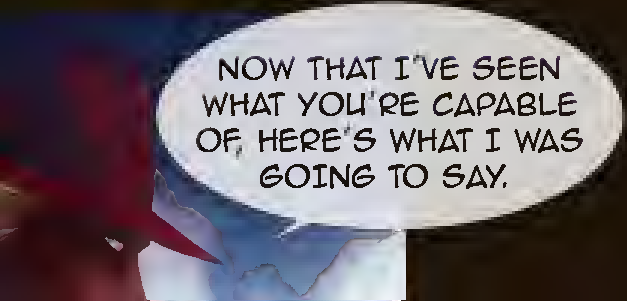
FLUMP
GRR, YOU!!!
FZZT
FZZT

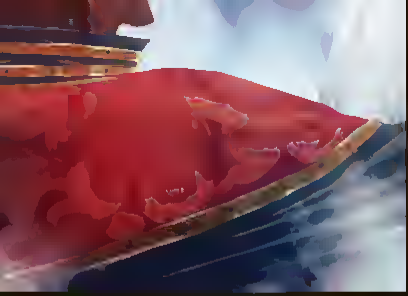
GINA!!
I'M SORRY!!

ETHERMASK !!!
DASH
I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS!!!

TAP
.....
LET'S GO.
STAGGER
STAGGER

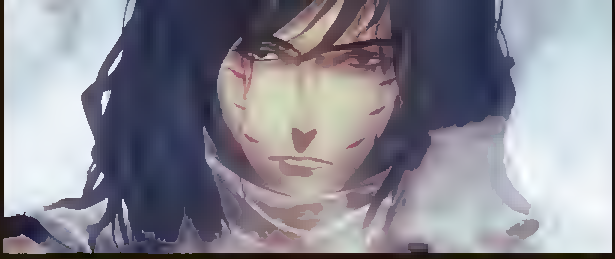
GINA, HELP ME UP
SSH!
BE CAREFUL.


NOW THAT I'VE SEEN WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF, HERE'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.



ETHERMASK, ARE YOU OKAY?

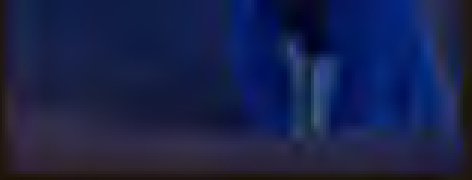
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH ZENUS, BUT...



ZENUS AND...

YOU HAVE...
WOOSH
IDENTICAL FACES
AS IF YOU WERE TWINS.

SSH
SIR ZENUS.



I CHECKED ON THE DIRECTION AND THE LOCATION OF THE LIGHT PILLAR.

IT APPEARS THAT ETHERMASK WAS INVOLVED.

GRIN
IS THAT SO?

TRAMP
TRAMP

HMM...

THIS IS INTERESTING.
A MAN POWERFUL ENOUGH TO FACE ETHERMASK...

WHO COULD THAT BE?

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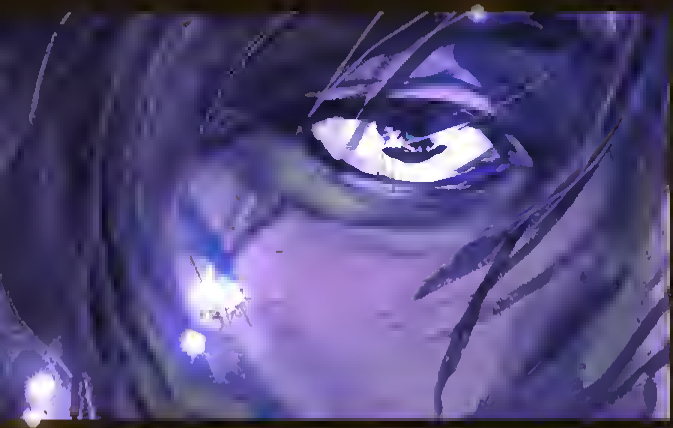

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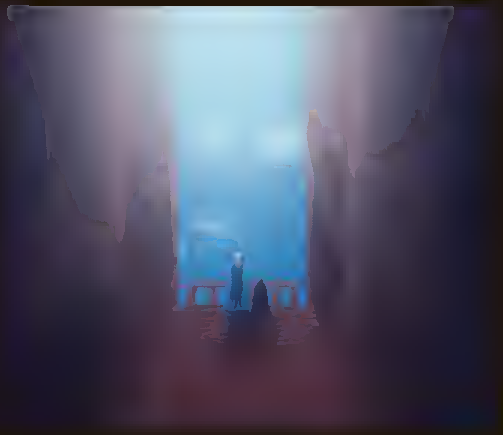

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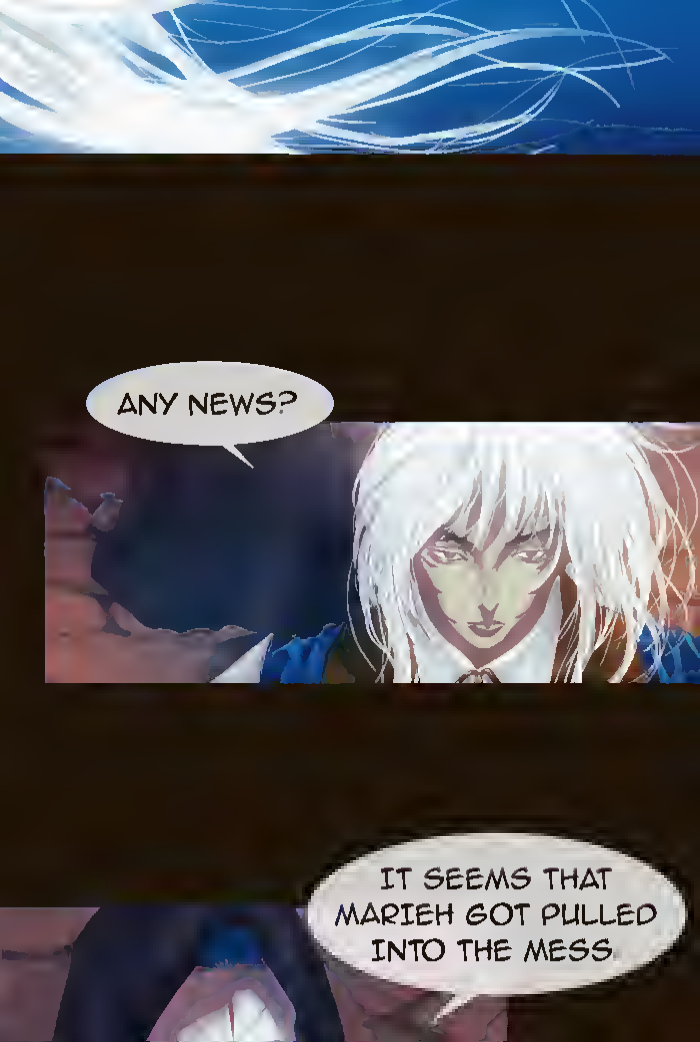
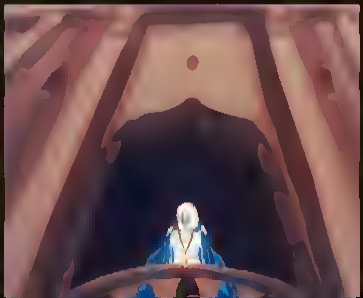

ANY NEWS?
IT SEEMS THAT MARIEH GOT PULLED INTO THE MESS.

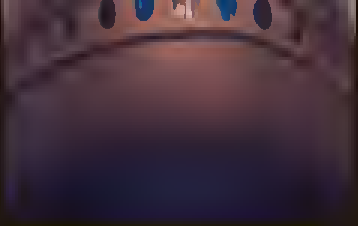
HMM...

DISPATCH THE TWO FROM THE WALL OF THE CONTINENT
BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS, ETHERMASK MUST NOT BE AT HIS BEST

I'LL SEND THEM TO WHERE THE LIGHT PILLAR WAS.
I'LL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS WE LOCATE ETHERMASK.

TRAMP
TRAMP

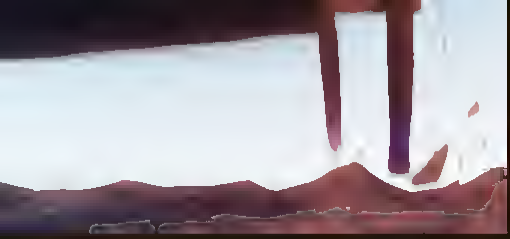




ETHERMASK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

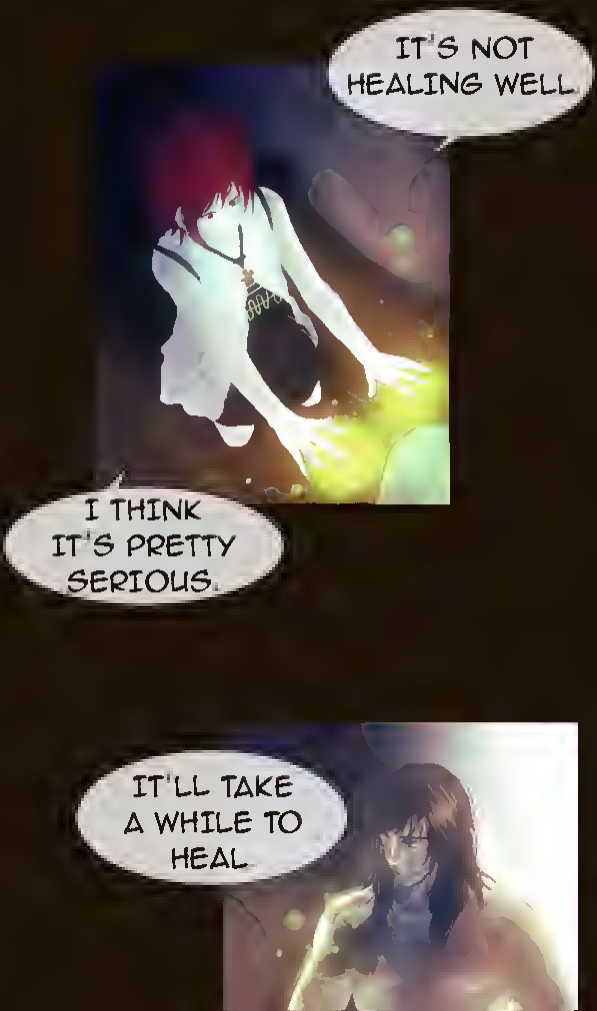
BLIMP

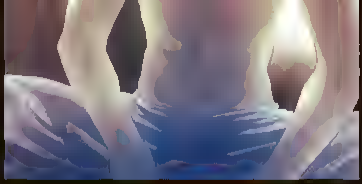


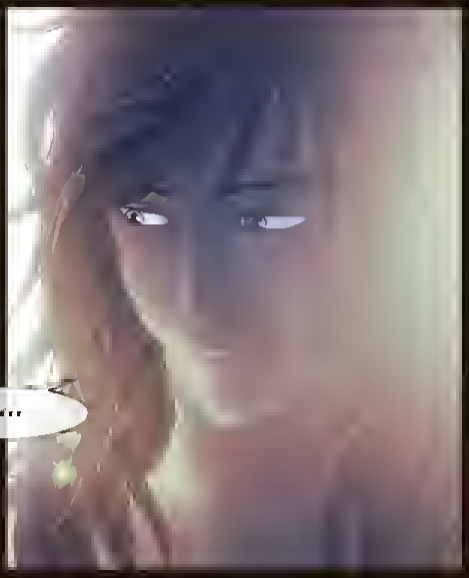
ARR!!

HUMM

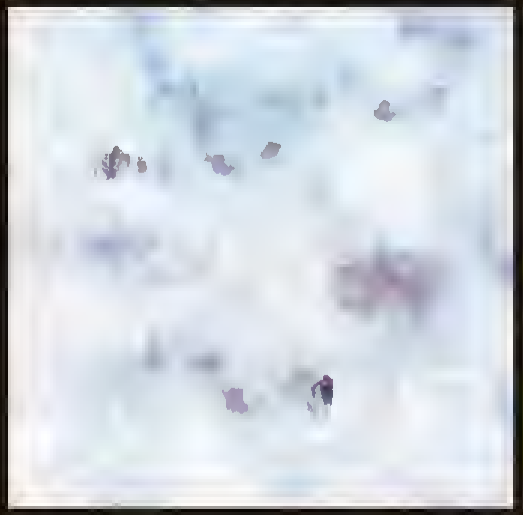
IREMY,
WILL HE
BE OKAY?

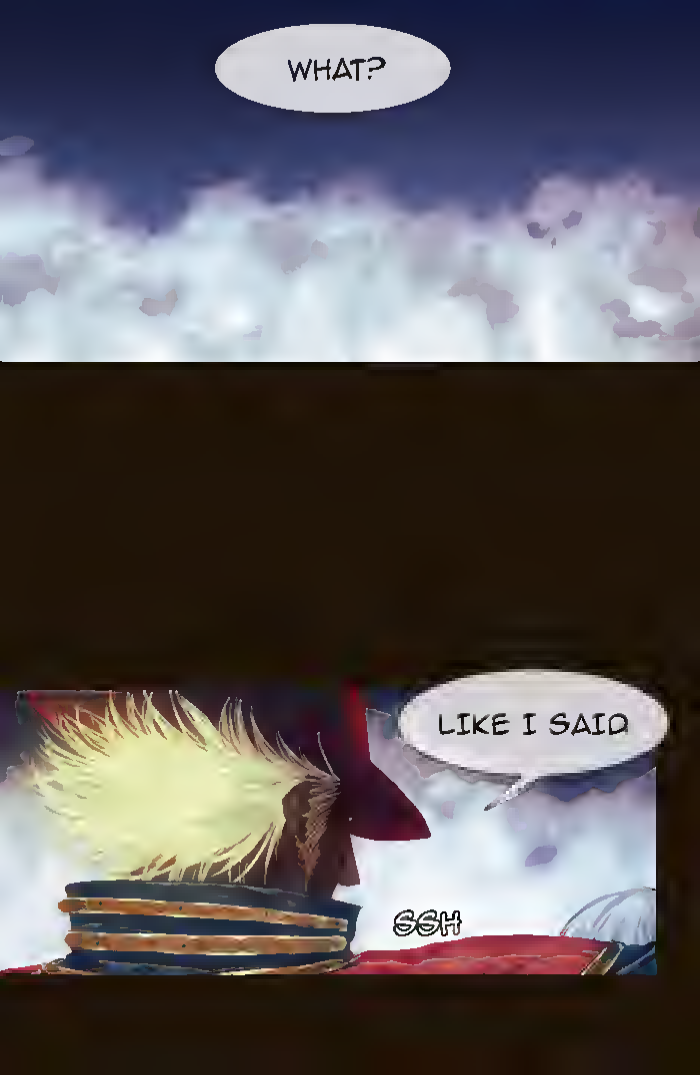

IT'S NOT HEALING WELL
I THINK IT'S PRETTY SERIOUS.
IT'LL TAKE A WHILE TO HEAL





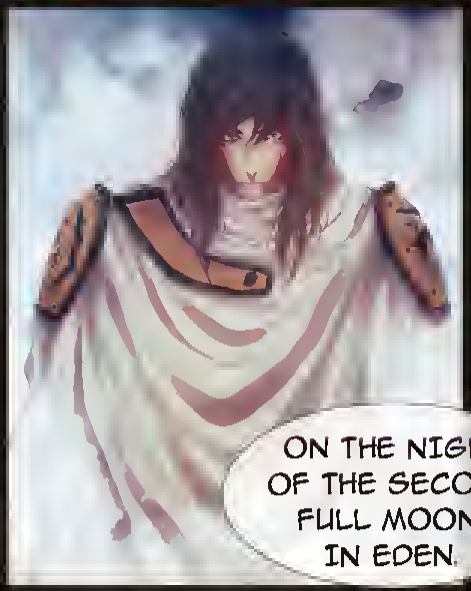
ZENUS AND YOU HAVE
IDENTICAL FACES
AS IF YOU WERE TWINS.




WHAT?
LIKE I SAID
SSH

KID, I'M LETTING YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.
STAGGER STAGGER
I'M HURT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, THANKS TO ETHERMASK.
THE FIGHT WAS WORTH IT...

ETHERMASK, I EXPECT THAT YOU'LL SHOW UP



I'LL MEET YOU THERE.
.....

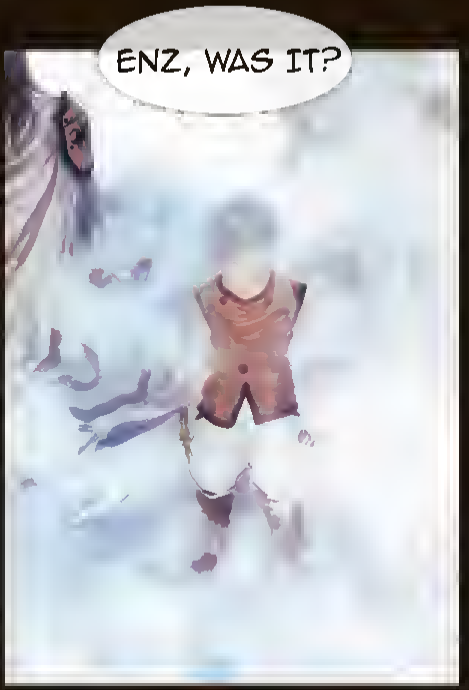
ETHAN!!

THE NEXT TIME...

WELL, SHOULD WE MEET AGAIN,
I WON'T BE THE SAME AS NOW.
THE NEXT TIME, YOU'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME!!!

SMIRK

YOU BETTER MAKE SURE YOU KEEP YOUR WORD
BECAUSE THE NEXT TIME,
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU LIKE NOW


ENZ, WAS IT?

I'LL BE WAITING.

THIS WILL DO FOR TONIGHT.

SSH
I APPRECIATE IT.

OOP!
TIGHT
TIGHT
DONE!!

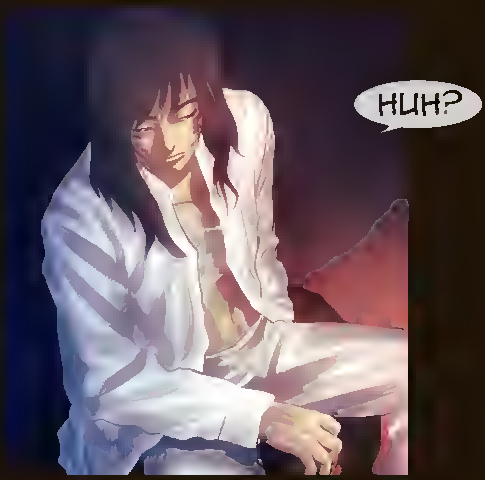
SMACK
FLINCH
MAN UP AND BE STRONG!
AHAHA...
TAP

THAT'S JUST MEAN. HOW CAN SHE TEASE HIM WHEN HE'S SO HURT...
SWEAT
SWEAT
IF I WERE HURT, SHE'D HAVE HAD SO MUCH FUN TEASING ME! YIKES!

IF WE MOVE THIS SLOWLY, CHASERS WILL CATCH UP TO US IN NO TIME.

CUT IT OUT.
YOU NEED TO
TAKE SOME TIME
TO RECOVER FIRST.

WE'VE ALREADY ATTRACTED TOO MUCH ATTENTION. IF WE STICK AROUND, MORE FIGHTS WILL COME OUR WAY.
WE HAVE TO GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE.
CAN WE HIDE SOMEWHERE UNTIL YOU GET BETTER?


HUH?

IT'S A BIT OF A DETOUR, BUT I KNOW A PLACE NEAR BELL.
THERE'S A VILLAGE FROM MY CHILDHOOD AROUND THERE.

HEHEHE
IT'S A REMOTE PLACE, MAKING IT A PERFECT HIDEOUT.
WEREN'T YOU FROM AN ISLAND??
I'M SURE HE WAS FORCED OUT.
OOF!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DEAL WITH MORE ENEMIES IN THIS CONDITION. ALTHOUGH IT'S A DETOUR...
I AGREE THAT WE CATCH OUR BREATH FIRST

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA.
HMM...

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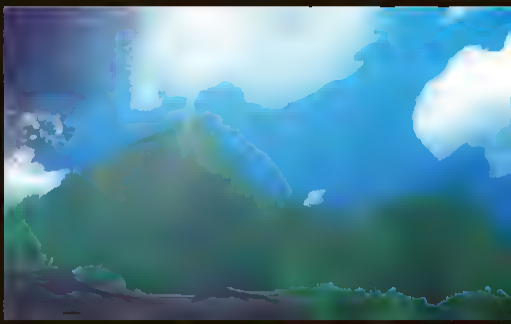


HMM...
RATTLE
RATTLE
THAT'S UNEXPECTED

ISN'T THIS A GOOD TIME TO STRIKE?

NO, LET'S WAIT AND SEE. YOU SAW WHAT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF..
THEY GO OVER AND ABOVE HUMAN LIMITATIONS

WE SHOULDN'T RUSH INTO ANYTHING.
BUT ETHERMASK'S CONDITION IS NOT GOOD AFTER THAT FIGHT.

YOU NEVER KNOW!

HE'S LEGENDARY FOR A REASON. WE CAN'T LOWER OUR GUARD.
WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE KIDS, TOO.

HE WOULDN'T LET THEM TAG ALONG WITHOUT A REASON.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF...

PFFT

YUCK!!!
HEY, A**HOLE!
YOU JUST FARTED
IN MY FACE!!!

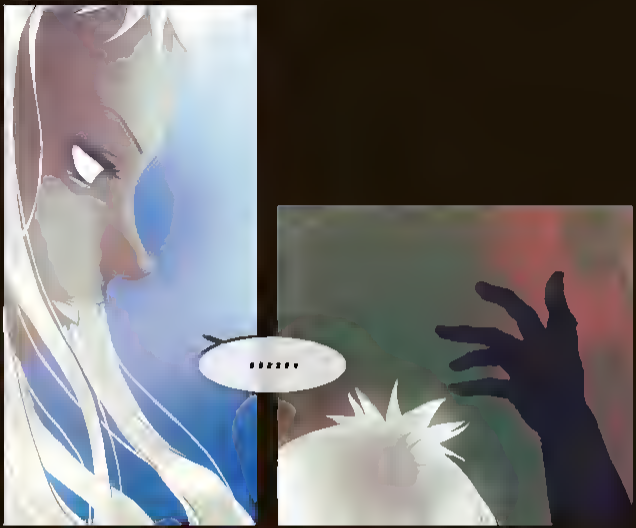
YUCK! YOU...
PFFFFT
I'VE TOLD YOU SO MANY TIMES THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WEAR ME AROUND YOUR WAIST, GET A SHEATH! OKAY??

AHAHAHA, WHY GO THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE?
DO YOU WANT ME TO HAND-CARRY YOU?
IN OTHER WORDS, DRAG ME AROUND?!
HERE WE GO AGAIN.
WELL, YOU'RE HEAVY!

AH!! LISTEN, GET A SHEATH!!
LIKE I SAID, IT'S BOTHER-SOME...
TUT.
I'M SERIOUS! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

D, THAT'S ENOUGH...
SHUT UP!!
TAP
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT HER??

GLANCE
UH?
THE ELF.
...WHAT ABOUT?
WHAT ABOUT HER? SHE'S WITH THEM.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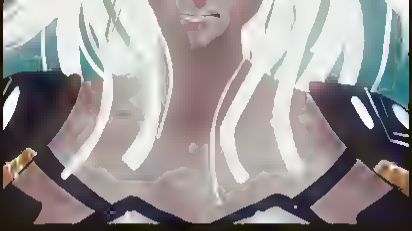
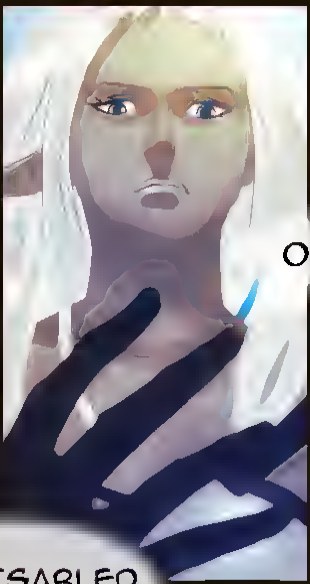
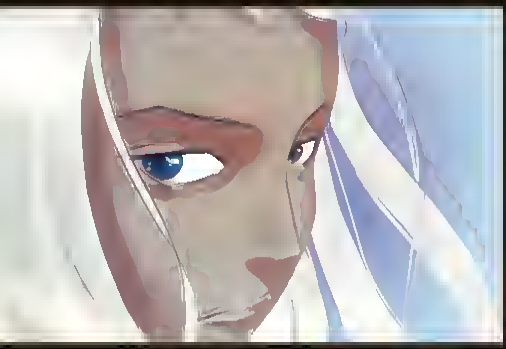



OH, NO.
HE'S DISABLED EVERY SPELL.

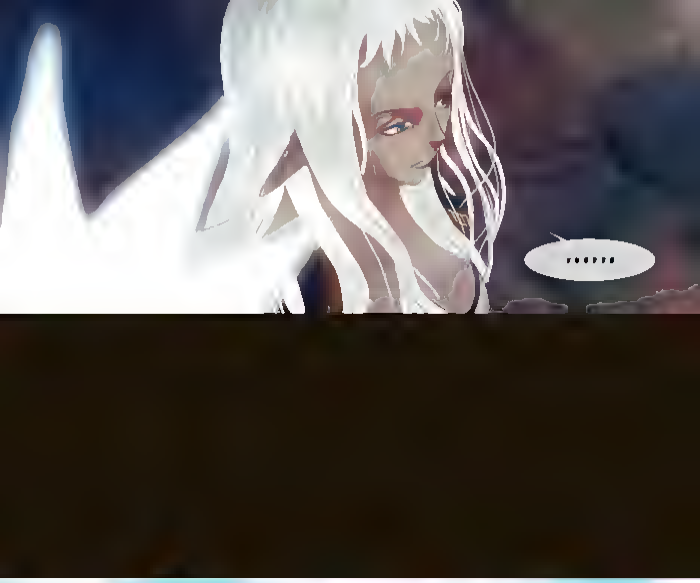
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, ETHAN?
SSH
HE DID ATTACK ETHERMASK, SO MAYBE HE CAN STILL BE TRUSTED?

HEY THERE~!
MISS ELF!
TRAMP
TRAMP



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO FROM HERE?
WE'VE GOT A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD OF US.
WE'VE GOT TO GET GOING.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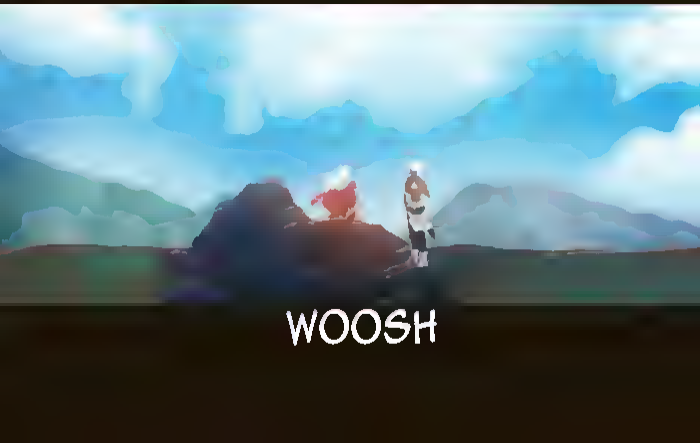
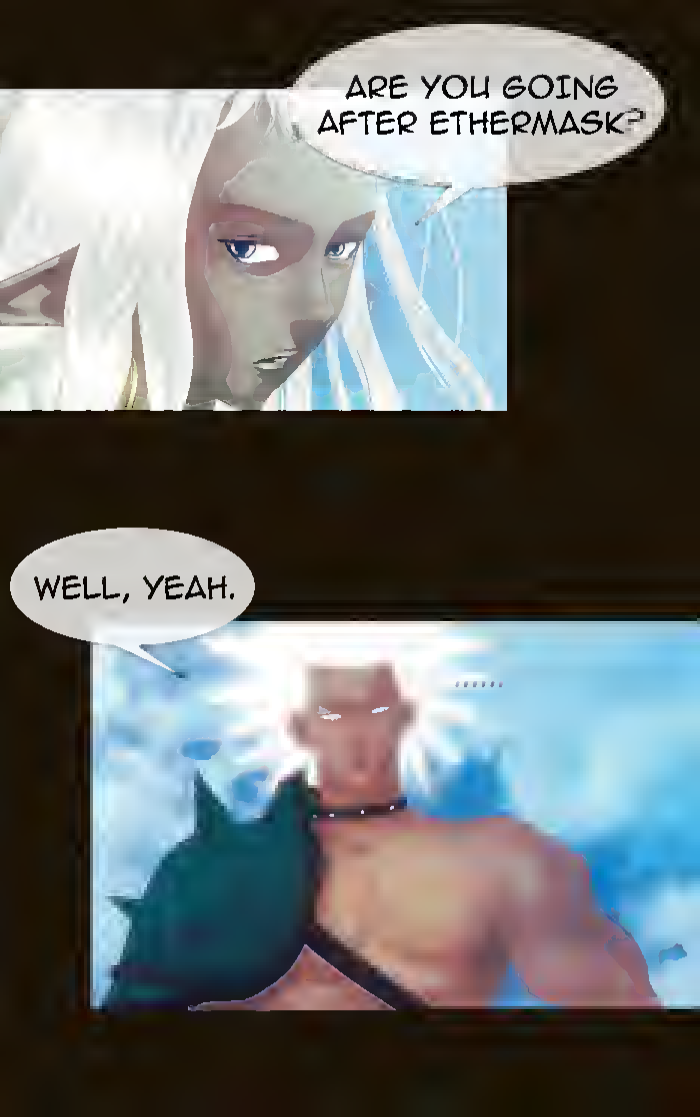

WOOSH


ARE YOU GOING AFTER ETHERMASK?
WELL, YEAH.
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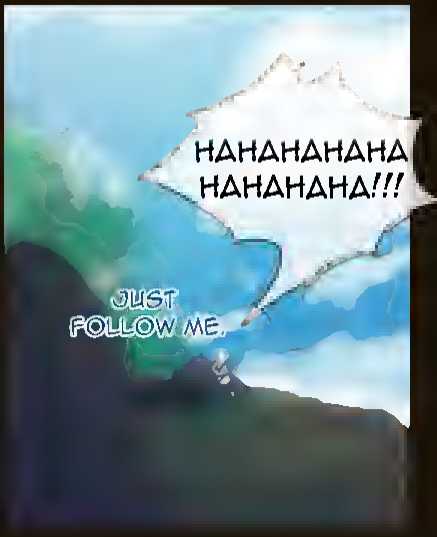
WELL...
CAN I COME, TOO?
HUH?

UH, WHAT?
BLUSH
WELL,
I GUESS...


HAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!!!
JUST
FOLLOW ME.

WHAT COULD
POSSIBLY BE THAT
ENTERTAINING?

RAGE

WHAT???

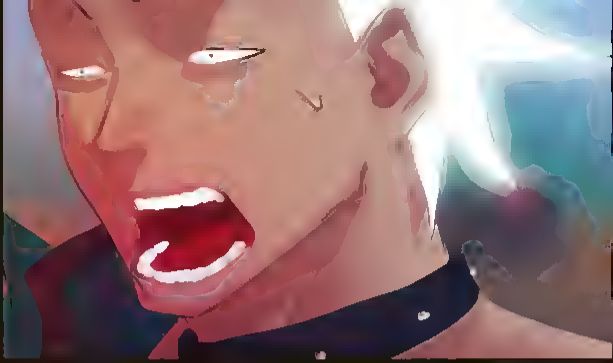
OKAY, YOU WENT TOO FAR...
GNASH
YOU TOLD HER TO COME ALONG??

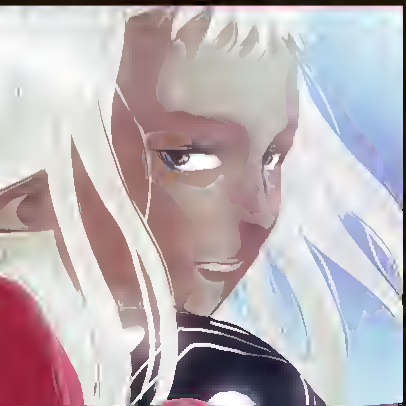
UH, OKAY... JUST CALM DOWN...
EASY~ EASY!
DON'T YOU TELL ME TO CALM THE HELL DOWN!!!
R

OARRR
THAT WAS A SMART MOVE. INVITING A COMPLETE STRANGER TO JOIN YOU AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
FAZOOM
FOR ALL WE KNOW, SHE COULD BE OUR ENEMY!!
WA... WAIT

GIVE ME THAT!!!
WINCE
GRAB

THE SWORD IS COMING WITH ME. HAVE FUN WITH THE ELF!!
MADREN!! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
MADREN!!!





GOOD.

LEAVE ME ALONE!

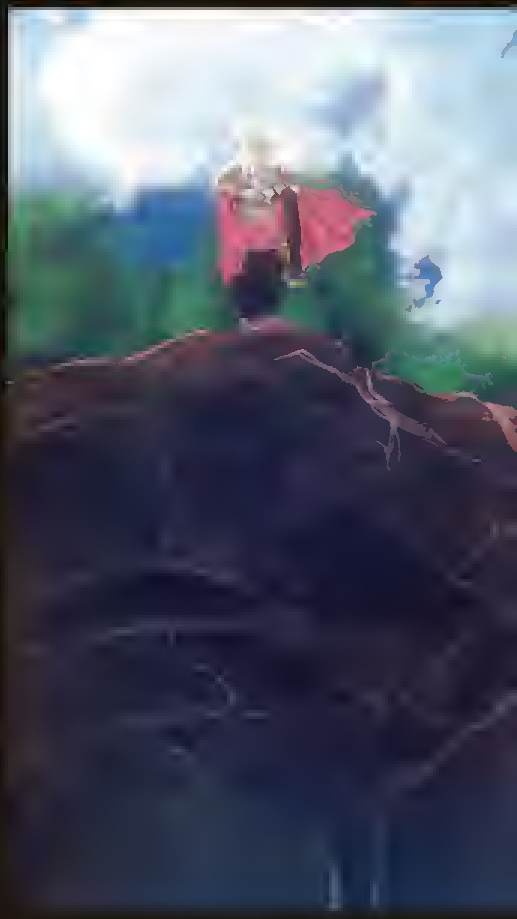
MADREN, I'M SORRY.

MY MISSION IS TO CHASE ETHERMASK. HOPEFULLY THEY'LL LEAD ME TO HIM.

AND ABOUT ETHAN...

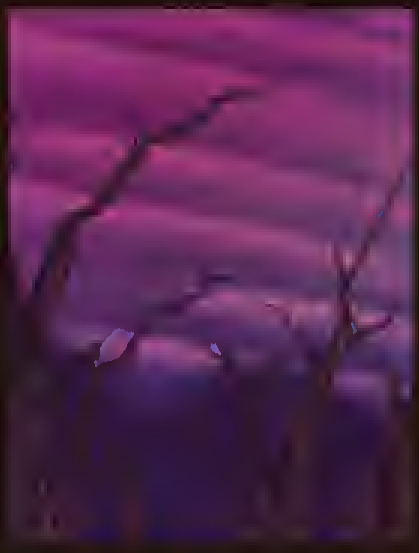
SSH

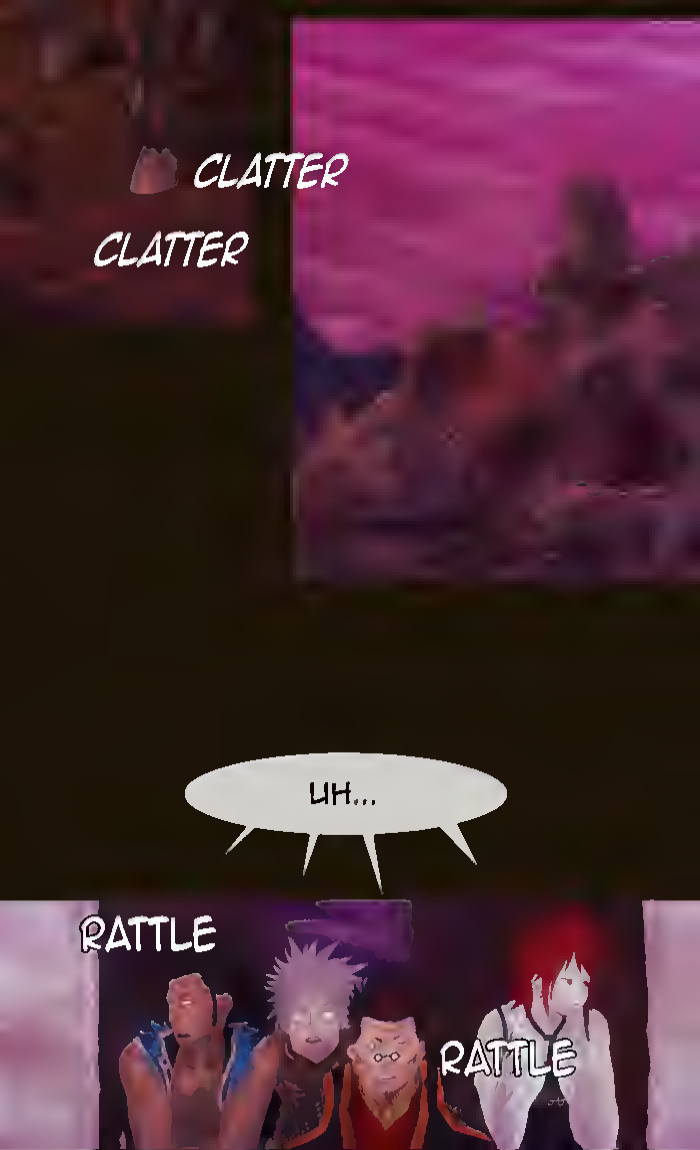
I SHOULD LET MY COLLEAGUES KNOW WHEN I SEE THEM.



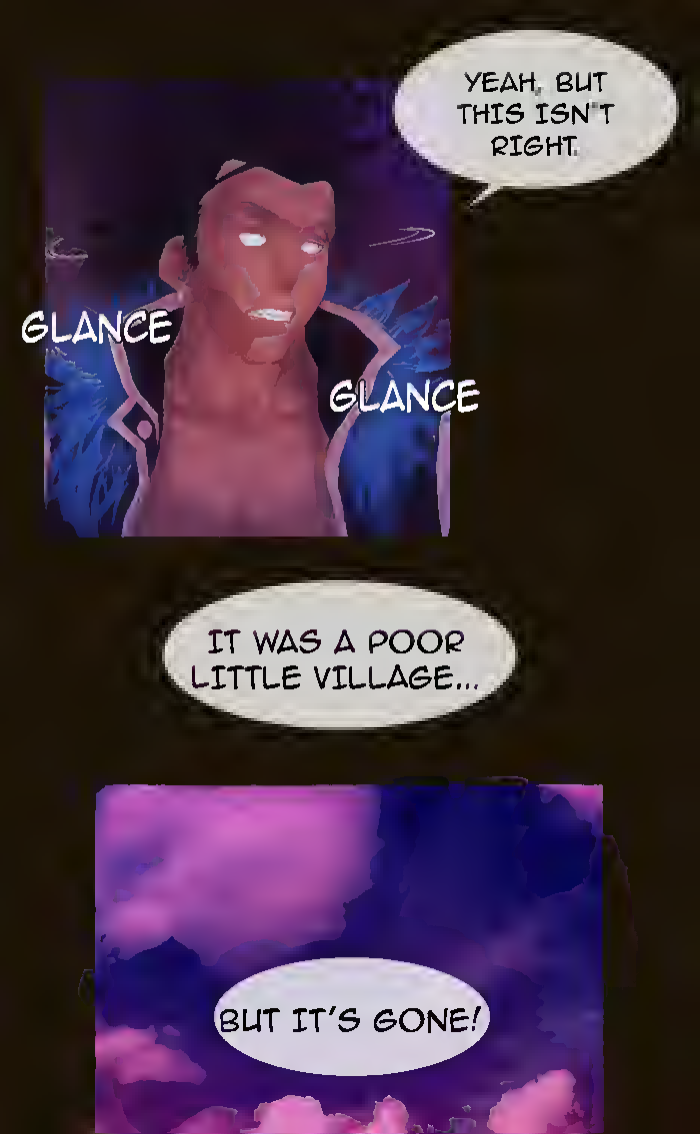
IT WAS SURPRISING...
TO SEE HOW STRONG ETHAN WAS. HE'S NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED

THE WAY HE KEPT ON GOING AND GOING AT ETHERMASK...




CLATTER
CLATTER
UH...
RATTLE
RATTLE

RATTLE
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS IT?
GULP
THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVED?


YEAH, BUT THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
GLANCE
GLANCE
IT WAS A POOR LITTLE VILLAGE...
BUT IT'S GONE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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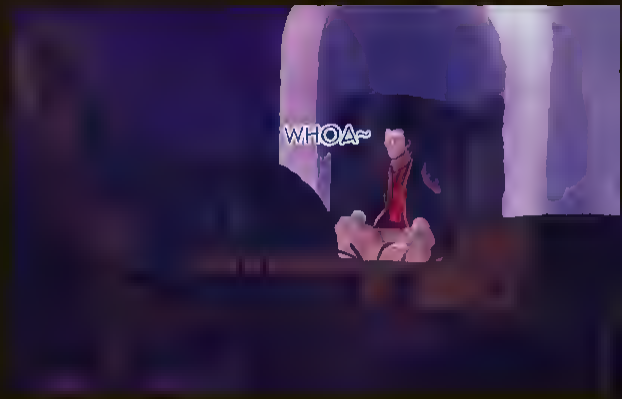
WHOA~

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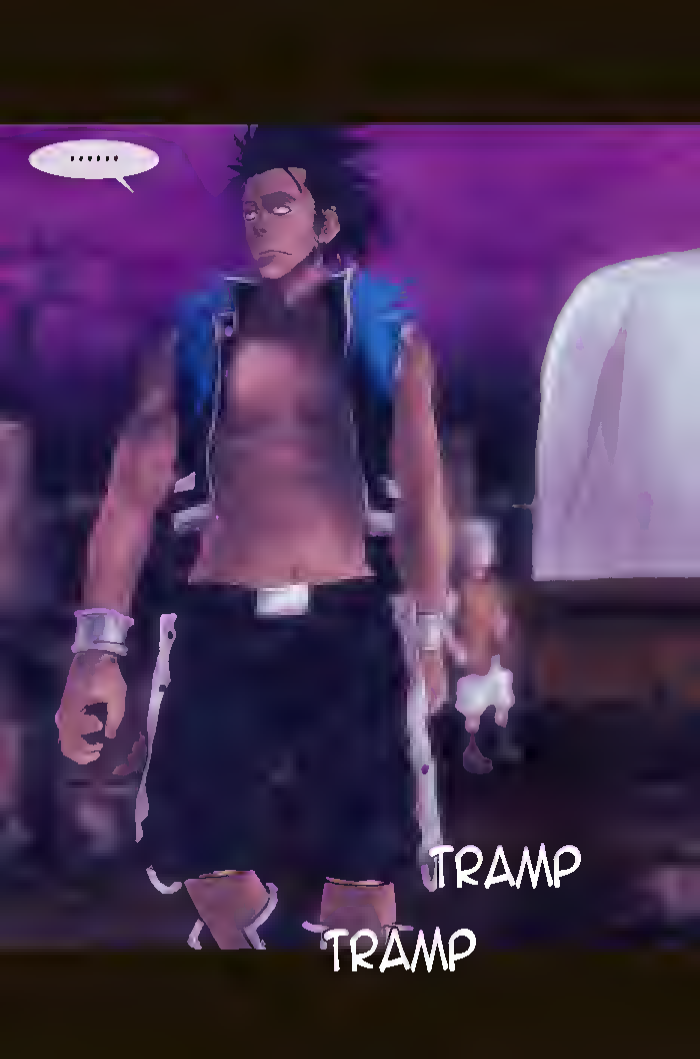
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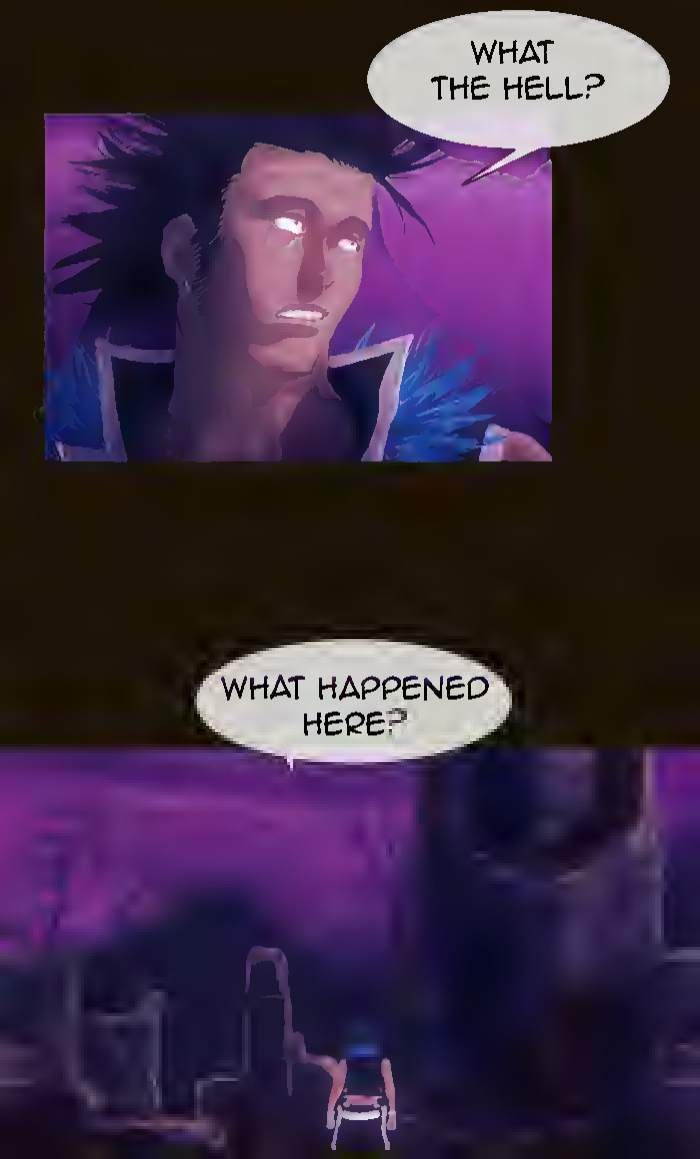
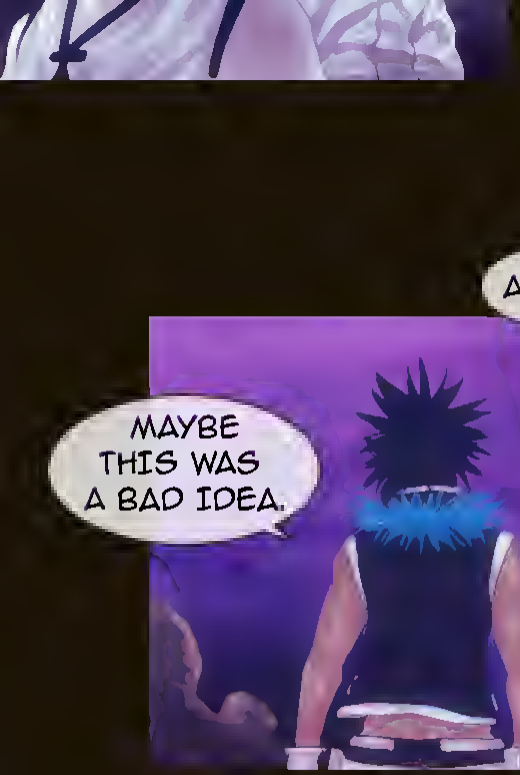

WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

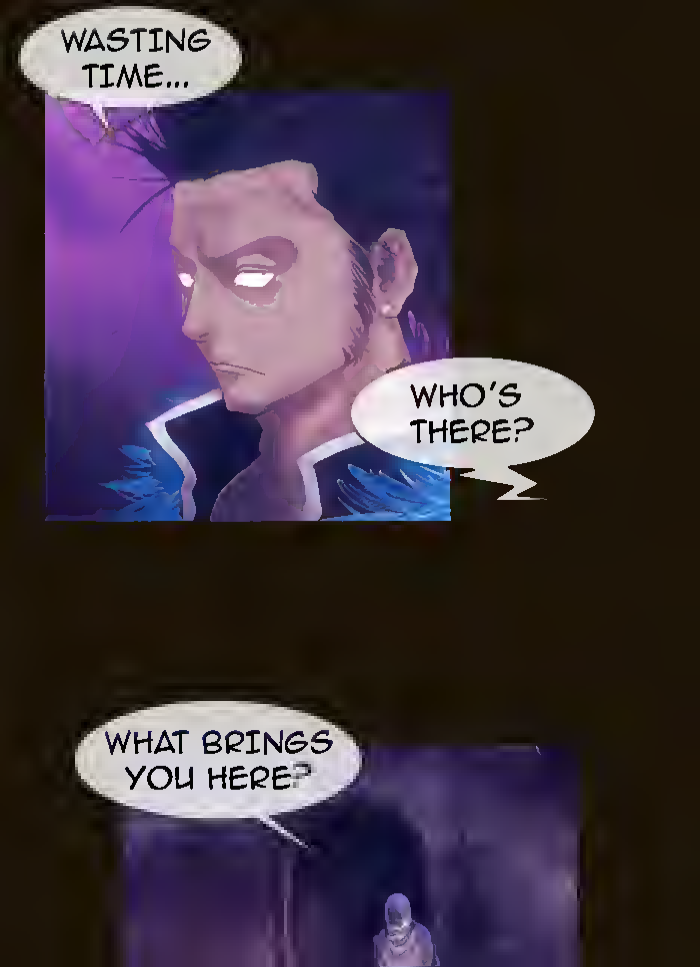
IT HASN'T BEEN LONG...

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AROUND
OKAY.

HELLO??
ANYBODY HERE??
YOO-HOO!!

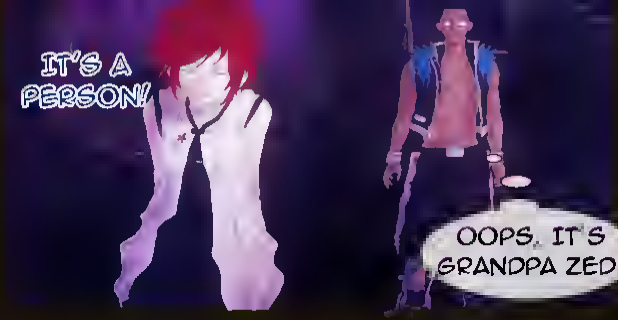
IS ANYBODY HERE??
HELLO???
GROAN.


AUGH...
MAYBE THIS WAS A BAD IDEA.


WASTING TIME...
WHO'S THERE?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

CREAK

HELLO.

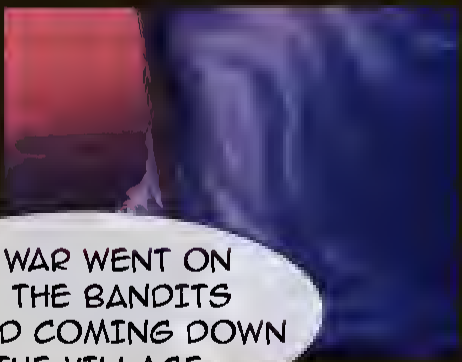

IT'S A PERSON!
OOPS. IT'S GRANDPA ZED!

CRACKLE
CRACKLE

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VILLAGE?
SIGH~

PEOPLE LIVED HERE UNTIL NOT TOO LONG AGO.
WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM THAT YOU USED TO LIVE HERE?
DID YOU GET IN TROUBLE AND SKIP TOWN?
I HAVE MY REASONS, SO SHUSH.
WE WERE ALWAYS POOR, SO THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE LEAVING THIS PLACE...

BUT THE REST OF US MANAGED TO LIVE, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.



THE WAR WENT ON AND THE BANDITS STARTED COMING DOWN TO THE VILLAGE.

THE WORST OF THEM WAS THIS MAN CALLED WILD, PLUNDERING AS HE WISHED.
HE NOT ONLY STOLE FROM US,

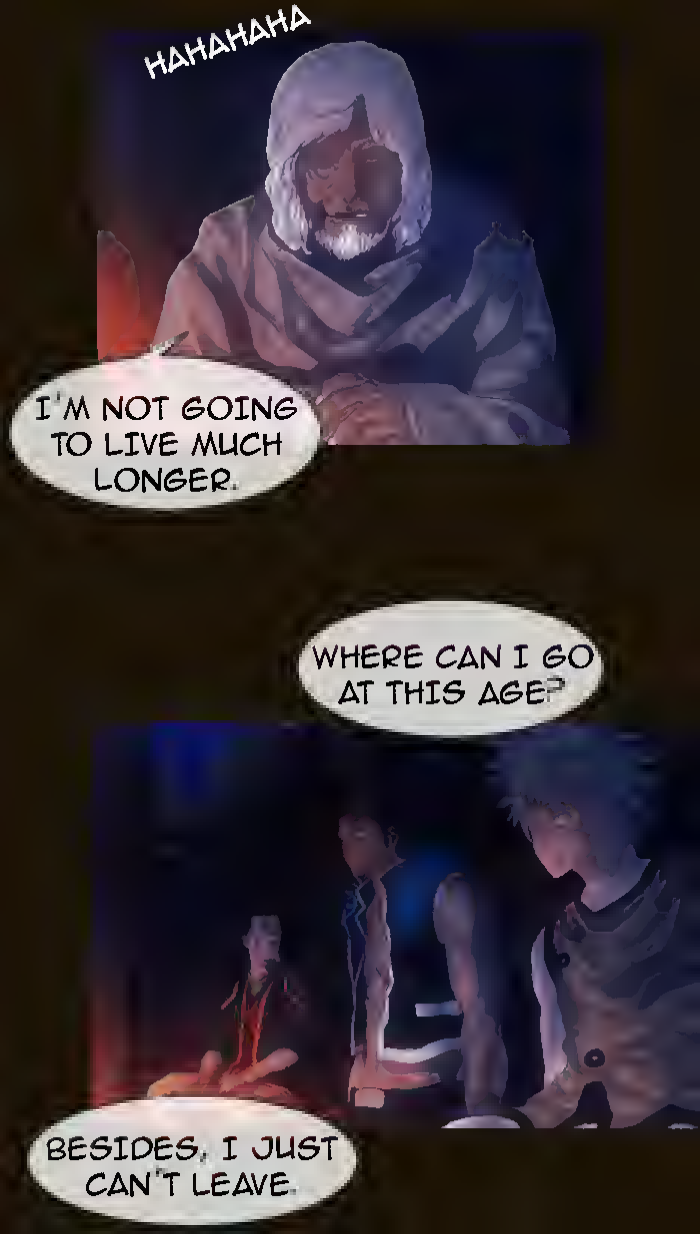
SSH
BUT HE STARTED RUNNING THINGS AROUND HERE.
WE EVENTUALLY HAD TO REPORT HIM TO THE AUTHORITIES.
OH, I SEE...

BUT WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS DURING THE WAR OR BECAUSE WE DIDN'T MATTER TO THEM.
THE GOVERNMENT COULDN'T BE BOTHERED.
BUT WILD SOON FOUND OUT ABOUT WHAT WE HAD DONE.

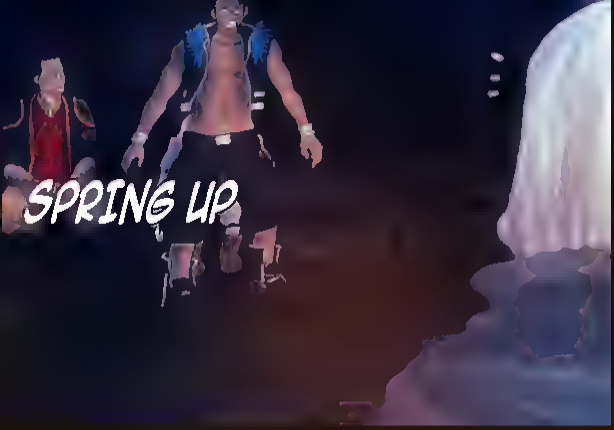
WHAM
WHAT?!
BASTARDS!!!
HE IS AN ILL-TEMPERED MAN...

BURN THEM ALL!!!
HE BURNED DOWN OUR VILLAGE THAT NIGHT.
HALF OF US WERE KILLED OR INJURED.
YOUNG WOMEN WERE TAKEN.

HOMES AND FAMILIES WERE LOST.
PEOPLE LEFT WITHOUT TURNING BACK.
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO WITH THEM?

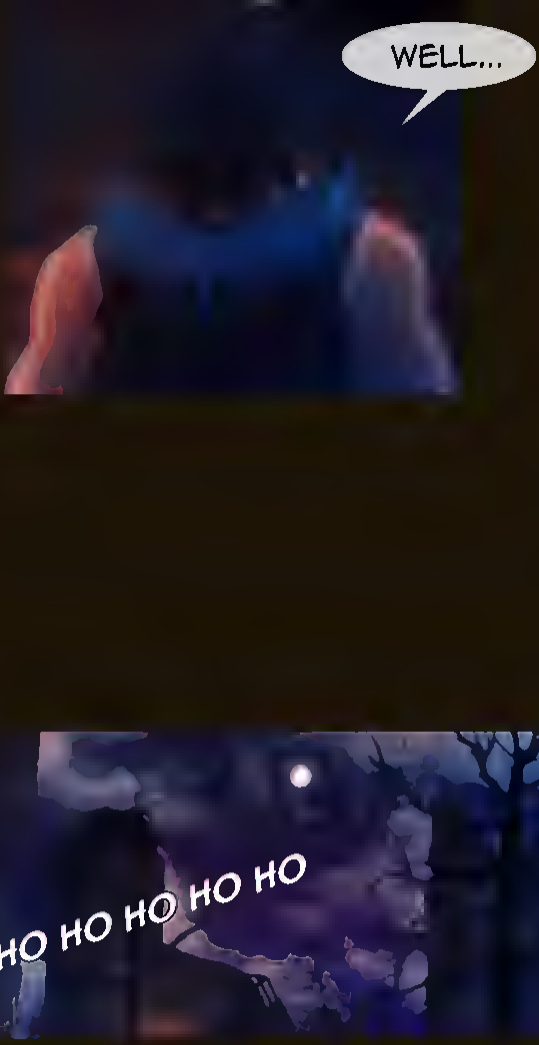

HAHAHAHA
I'M NOT GOING TO LIVE MUCH LONGER.
WHERE CAN I GO AT THIS AGE?
BESIDES, I JUST CAN'T LEAVE.

THEY TOOK MY GRANDDAUGHTER.
HUH?
SO I STAYED BEHIND.
WHAT? THEY TOOK SARAH?


SPRING UP

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU KNOW HER NAME?

UH...
IDIOT.


WELL...
HO HO HO HO HO

SO, YOU ARE DURT?!
GROAN.
I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR.
ALL GROWN UP!

HE WAS SUCH A RASCAL!
UH, OH! NO!
HE WAS AN ORPHAN. SO I RAISED HIM. BUT HE KEPT ON FIGHTING AND STEALING... I TRIED TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO HIM...
LET THE TRUTH COME OUT.
DANG

WAIT... RIGHT. HE ONCE BURNED DOWN A BARN, TOO. THAT WAS DISASTROUS.
THE WIND SPREAD THE FIRE AND ALMOST CHARRED THE WHOLE VILLAGE
GROAN
THEN ONE DAY, HE SAID HE WANTED TO FOLLOW ONE OF THE MERCHANTS TO THE CITY...

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THESE YEARS, DURT? ARE THESE YOUR MERCHANT FRIENDS?
WELL, HE IS KIND OF TAGGING ALONG WITH A MERCHANT.
YOU WERE SOME KID, WEREN'T YOU?
...YES?
TUT TUT.
.....

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THE VILLAGE LIKE THIS, BUT I SURE AM GLAD TO SEE A FAMILIAR FACE.

IT'S GETTING LATE. LET'S GET SOME SLEEP AND CATCH UP TOMORROW.

OKAY~
HUMBLE AS IT IS, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
GOOD NIGHT, GRANDPA
THANK YOU.

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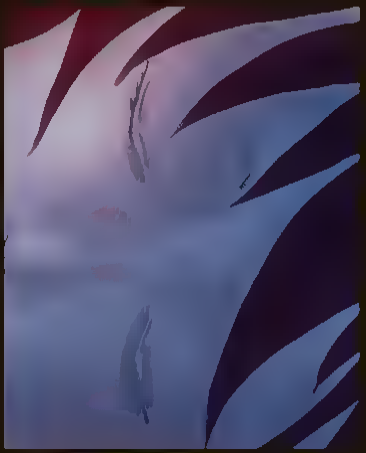
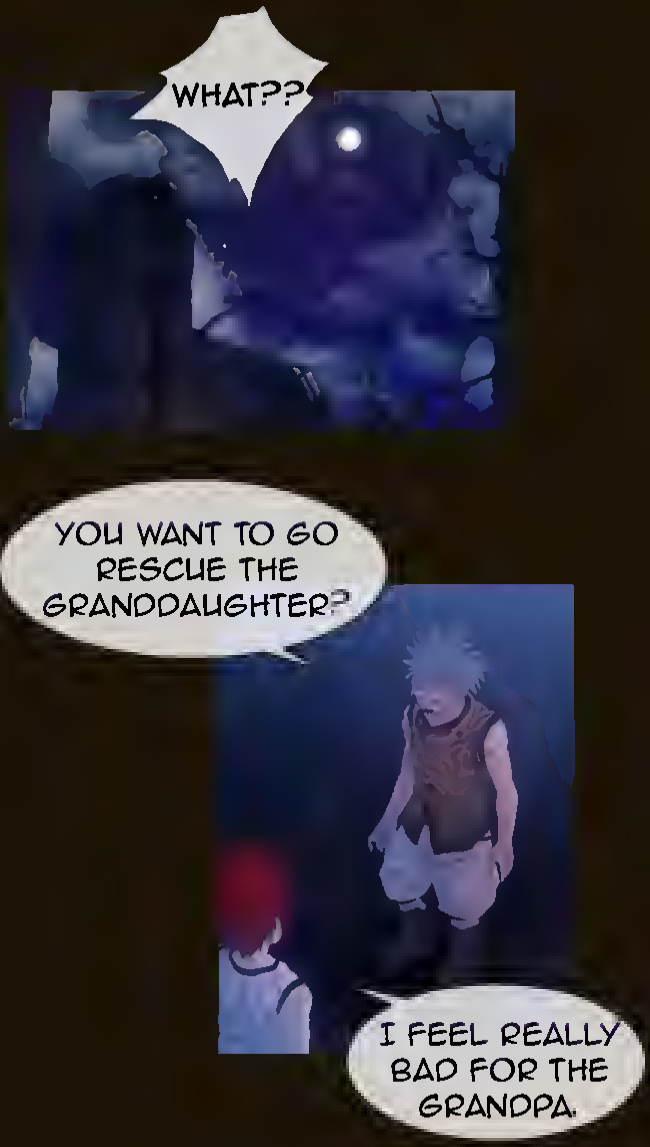


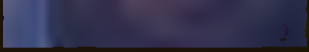
BLINK

COME WITH ME. DON'T MAKE A SOUND

IREMY...
SHUSH~


WHAT??
YOU WANT TO GO RESCUE THE GRANDDAUGHTER?
I FEEL REALLY BAD FOR THE GRANDPA.

YOU'RE IN, RIGHT?
COME ON. GRAB YOUR STUFF.
LOOK... IREMY.
SWEAT
YOU ARE...



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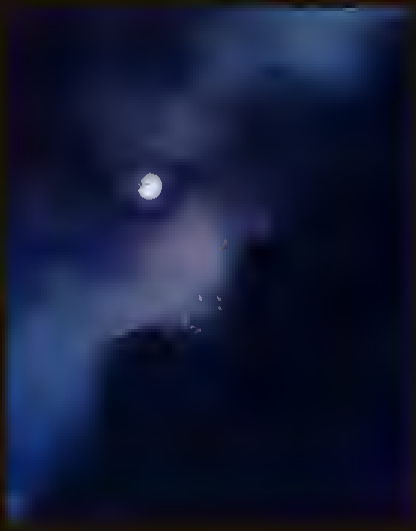

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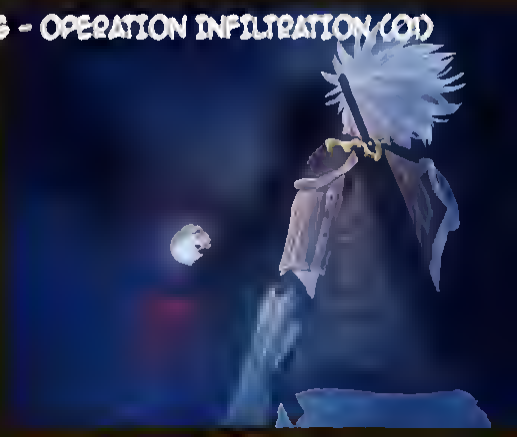


DO WE KEEP GOING THIS WAY?

YUP~.
WHEW
DO I HAVE TO GO, TOO?
GLARE
OF COURSE! AREN'T YOU WORRIED THAT YOUR FRIEND'S BEEN TAKEN??

BUT YOU HEARD HIM. THEY ARE ORGANIZED CRIMINALS. ARE YOU REALLY UP FOR THIS?
I'M NOT MUCH OF A FIGHTER.
WHAT? YOU DON'T TRUST ME?

DON'T BE UPSET.
OF COURSE I DO, BUT...
SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR ETHERMASK TO GET BETTER AND BRING HIM, TOO?
AHAHAHA

WHAT A COWARD!!!
STOP WHINING!
JUST SHOW ME WHERE
TO GO AND YOU CAN
GO BACK!!!
YOU WON'T BE
MISSED AT ALL!!
OOPS!
I'M SORRY.

ENZ. YOU'RE WITH ME, RIGHT?
SWIFT
SURE, I'M AT YOUR COMMAND
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

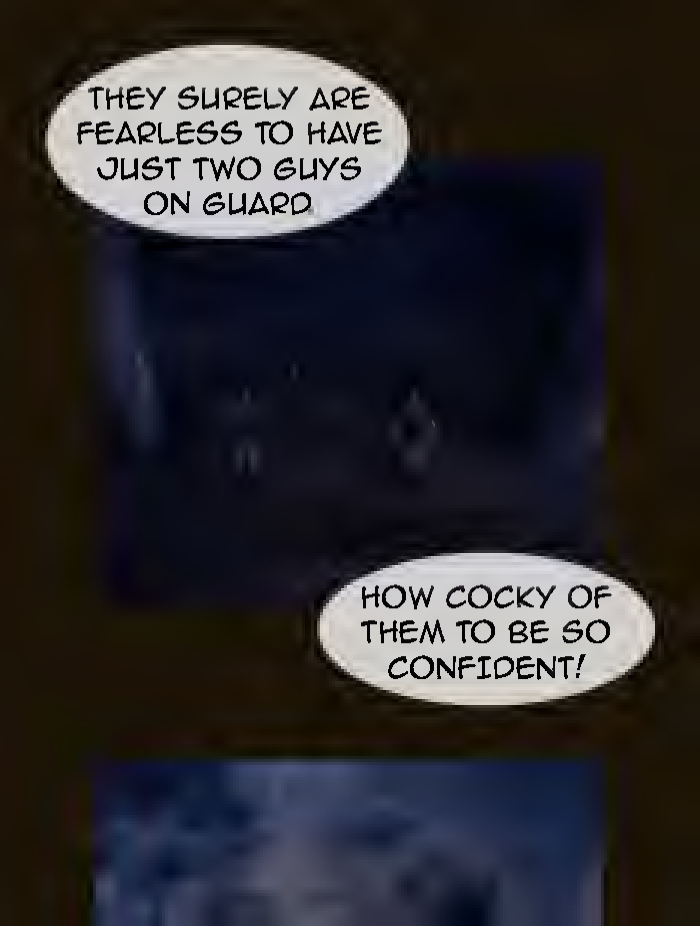
YES, THIS WILL HELP YOU GET STRONGER.
TAP
REMEMBER WHY WE LEFT HOME.

IT WON'T HELP US TO RELY SO MUCH ON ETHERMASK ALL THE TIME.
IT WON'T DO US ANY GOOD.

T...THAT'S RIGHT...
SWEAT
OKAY. TRUST ME!
WELL, LET'S GO!
STUMP
STUMP

COME ON!
ALRIGHT!
WHEW~
PLOD
PLOD
HEHEHE
SIMPLICITY IS
HIS CHARM.

I THINK
THIS IS IT.


THEY SURELY ARE FEARLESS TO HAVE JUST TWO GUYS ON GUARD
HOW COCKY OF THEM TO BE SO CONFIDENT!

IT SEEMS THERE'S MAYBE 50 OF THEM?
THAT'S MORE THAN I EXPECTED, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE COMING. SO, IT'S DOABLE.
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW. BE EXTRA CAREFUL.

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?
SWEAT
HOW CAN I GO AFTER YOU SAID ALL THOSE THINGS ABOUT ME?

I'M IMPRESSED I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T THINK TWICE.
WHISPER
WHISPER
IN FACT, I'M AFRAID OF HER RETALIATING.
I CAN HEAR YOU.
OOPS!! EHEM...

OKAY, COME HERE.
LET'S MAKE A PLAN BEFORE WE MOVE IN.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE TWO OUT FRONT.

THEY PROBABLY LIVE IN THE TENTS, SO NO HOSTAGE SHOULD BE THERE.
THE BUILDING AT THE BACK IS THE MOST PROBABLE SPOT.
DURT, YOU STAY OUT HERE AND KEEP A LOOKOUT. YOU HAVE TO SIGNAL US IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
GOT IT?

UM... THIS ISN'T DANGEROUS, IS IT?
MY HEART IS GOING THUMP, THUMP...

YOUR COMPLEXION IS DARK ENOUGH THAT YOU'LL BLEND RIGHT IN. WHAT DANGER IS THERE IN KEEPING A LOOKOUT?!

OKAY, OKAY.
FIRST, LET'S SEE HOW OFTEN THEY CHANGE SHIFTS.
OKAY, THERE THEY ARE. LET'S SEE.
THE NEW GUARDS LOOK EVEN MORE BRUTAL.

ONCE WE CLEAR OUR WAY IN, WE HAVE ABOUT TWO HOURS TO GET THINGS DONE.

YUP~
I WANT YOU TO STAY ALERT, DURT. JUST IN CASE.
YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T, RIGHT?
NO DOZING OFF, OKAY?

I DON'T WANT TO DIE OUT HERE.
SALUTE
YES, MA'AM.

SCREECH
WATCH OUT!

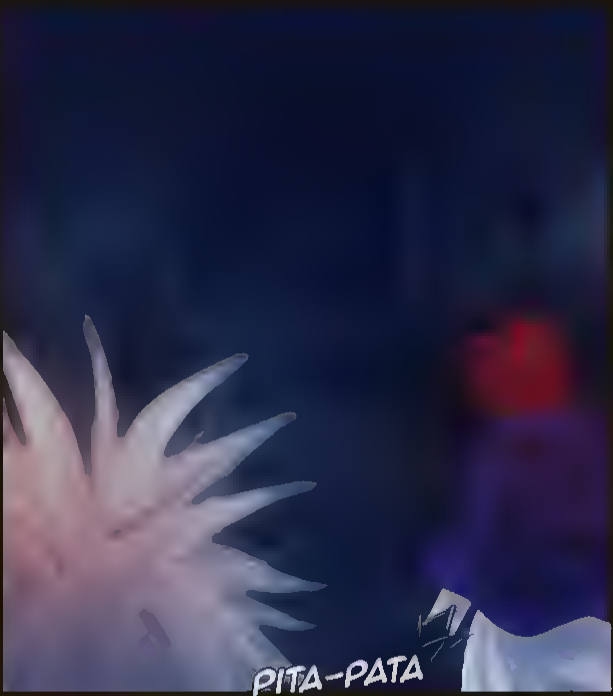
PEEK
SSH

PEEK

FIRST THINGS FIRST...
HUMM
IN THE NAME OF THE FOREST...

I'M NOT KIDDING.
HAHAHAHAHA
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
UH?

NICE!
OH, YEAH!
GOOD!
FUMP
PLOP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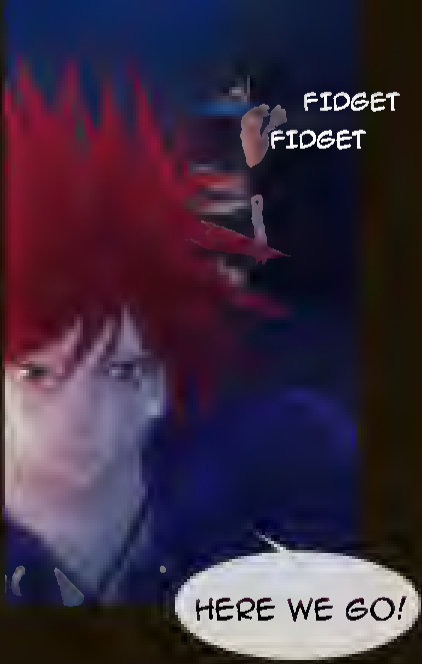
FIDGET
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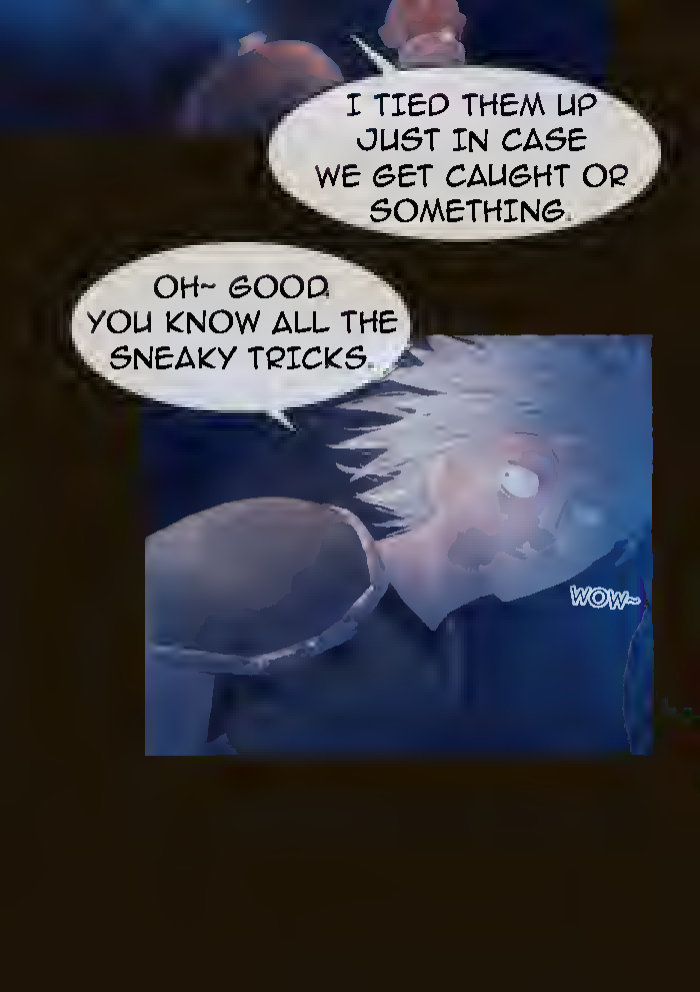
HERE WE GO!

GROPE
GROPE
UH, WAIT, WAIT!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
HURRY!


I TIED THEM UP JUST IN CASE WE GET CAUGHT OR SOMETHING.
OH~ GOOD. YOU KNOW ALL THE SNEAKY TRICKS.
WOW~

THIS ISN'T A TRICK, BUT A SURVIVAL TACTIC.
OKAY, MOVE ALREADY!
TRY NOT TO MAKE ANY SOUNDS.
YUP!

I AM NERVOUS, THOUGH. THIS IS ALL SO...
JUST THINK OF IT THIS WAY. IT'S KIND OF LIKE THEFT.
WE'RE HERE TO "STEAL" HER AWAY, RIGHT?

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